

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Sunday, May 21, 2023
Seventh Sunday of Easter

Service Notes:

- The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64f) will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, 150. Prayers for preparation for worship are on pages 10 and 11 in the hymnal. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.

- Guests, please sign the guest registry in the narthex.

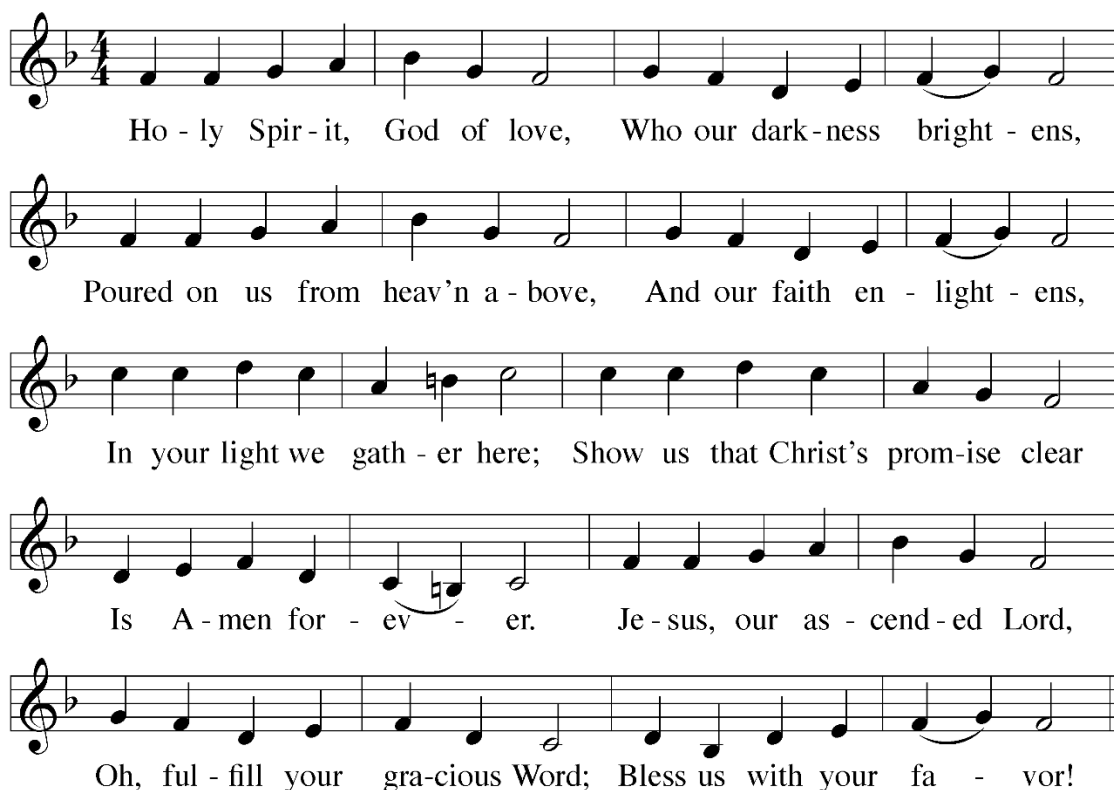
- If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please talk to him (734-658-5735).

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

THE COMMON SERVICE (page 15)

OPENING HYMN: #180 "Holy Spirit, God of Love"

Text: Birgitte K. Boye (1742-1824)



The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: Ho - ly Spir - it, God of love, Who our dark - ness bright - ens, Poured on us from heav'n a - bove, And our faith en - light - ens, In your light we gath - er here; Show us that Christ's prom - ise clear Is A - men for - ev - er. Je - sus, our as - cend - ed Lord, Oh, ful - fill your gra - cious Word; Bless us with your fa - vor!

Text: Birgitte K. Boye, 1742–1824; tr. George A. T. Rygh, 1860–1942, alt.

Tune: DER TAG, DER IST SO FREUDENREICH (76 76 776 776) *Ein New Gesengbuchlen*, Jungbunzlau, 1531, alt.

STAND

M: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.



CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

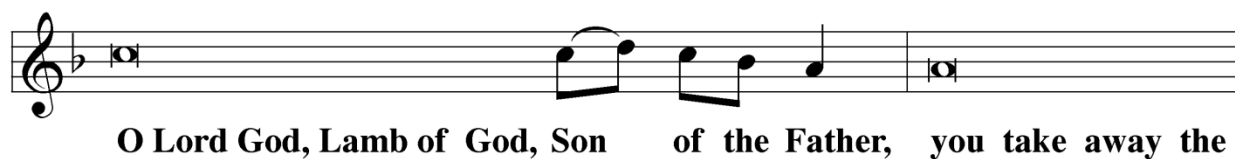


M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of
 God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on - ly are holy;
 you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BE SEATED



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Acts 1:1-14

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

4 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; **5** for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” **7** He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. **8** 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.” **9** 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. **10** And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, **11** 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.”

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴ All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 8 Refrain Tune: Lynn Trapp. © 1989 MorningStar Music Publishers. All rights reserved. Used by permission. Reprinted and podcast with permission under One License #A-722670.

Refrain



I will praise your name for - ev-er, my King and my God.

Psalm tone



O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!*

You have set your glory above the heavens.

When I consider your heavens,*
the work of your fingers,

what is man that you are mindful of him,*
the Son of Man that you care for him? **Refrain**

You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings*
and crowned him with glory and honor.

You made him ruler over the works of your hands;*
you put everything under his feet.

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.

Refrain: I will praise your name forever, my King and my God.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 4:12-17; 5:6-11

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵ But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶ Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷ For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷ casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking

someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

VERSE OF THE DAY (sung by the soloist)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Alleluia!
(John 14:18)

STAND

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



GOSPEL LESSON: John 17:1-11a

17 When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

⁶ “I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸ For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹ And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son
of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from
true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from
heaven,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin
Mary,
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with
the Scriptures.**

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead,**

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who in unity with the Father and the Son is

worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic
Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness
of sins.**

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the (+) life of the world to come. Amen.

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY: #359 “Jesus, My Great High Priest”

Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

359

Jesus, My Great High Priest



1 Je - sus, my great High Priest, Of - fered his blood and
 2 To Christ, my sub - sti - tute, Will I com - mit my
 3 My ad - vo - cate ap - pears For my de - fense on
 4 Should all the hosts of death And pow'rs of hell un -



died; My guilt - y con - science seeks No sac - ri -
 cause; He an - swers and ful - fills His Fa - ther's
 high; A gra - cious Fa - ther hears And lays his
 known Put their most dread - ful forms Of rage and



fice be - side. His pow'r - ful blood did once a -
 bro - ken laws. Be - hold my soul at free - dom
 thun - der by. Not all that hell or sin can
 mis - chief on, I shall be safe, for Christ dis -



tone, And now it pleads be - fore the throne.
 set— My Je - sus paid the dread - ful debt!
 say Shall turn his heart, his love, a - way.
 plays Su - pe - rior pow'r and guard - ian grace.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.
 Tune: BEVAN (66 66 88) John Goss, 1800–80.

SERMON

STAND

PSALM 51 RESPONSE (page 20)



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Received into communicant membership

Ronan Joe Creaney

Alexander Matteo Romain

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR THE EASTER SEASON

M: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation,
you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son,
Jesus Christ, from the dead.

C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through
our Lord Jesus Christ.

M: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.

M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory.

C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.

M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.

M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.

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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.**

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Please use this time for personal preparation or meditation before the Lord's Supper. A form to assist you is on page 156 in the front part of the hymnal.

NOTE: *Please be prepared to receive the host in your outstretched hand, rather than in your mouth.*

STAND



THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -

na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -

na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace (+) of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION ANTHEM: "No Temple Now, No Gift of Price"

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No temple now, no gift of price,
No priestly round of sacrifice, retain their ancient powers.
As shadows fade before the sun the day of sacrifice is done;
The day of grace is ours.

The dying Lord our ransom paid,
One final full self-offering made, complete in every part.
His finished sacrifice for sins the covenant of grace begins,
The law within the heart.

In faith and confidence draw near,
Within the holiest appear, with all who praise and pray;
Who share one family, one feast, One great imperishable Priest,
One new and living Way.

For Christ is ours! With purpose true
The pilgrim path of faith pursue, the road that Jesus trod;
Until by his prevailing grace we stand at last before his face,
Our Savior and our God.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

#205 “O Lord, Look Down from Heaven” Text: Martin Luther (1483-1546). Setting
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#599 “O Lord and God, Oh, Bless This Day”
Text: Johan N. Brun (1745-1816)

205

O Lord, Look Down from Heaven

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.

Tune: ACH GOTT, VOM HIMMEL SIEH DAREIN (87 87 887) *Eyn Enchiridion oder Handbüchlein*, Erfurt, 1524, alt.

599 Our Lord and God, Oh, Bless This Day



1 Our Lord and God, oh, bless this day And
2 Oh, bless your Word to all the young; Let
3 And when they leave their child-hood home, When

hear us, we im-plore you; None of your chil-dren
them, your truth pos-ses-sing, Bear wit-ness true with
Sa-tan comes al-lur-ing, May their bap-tis-mal

turn a-way Who now ap-pear be-fore you. We
heart and tongue, Their faith and ours con-fess-ing. From
grace be-come A ref-uge re-as-sur-ing. God's

come be-fore your face And pray: let your rich grace
moth-er's arms your grace With love did them em-brace.
cov-e-nant is sure; His prom-is-es en-dure.

De-scent from heav'n a-bove In all your won-drous
Bap-tized in-to your name, As yours you did them
They ne'er shall be un-done Who trust in God a-

love, And keep us by your Spir-it.
claim; O Lord, as yours now own them!
lone— God is their might-y Fa-ther!

Text: Johan N. Brun, 1745–1816, abr.; tr. George A. T. Rygh, 1860–1942, st. 1, 3, alt.;
Carl Döving, 1867–1937, st. 2, alt.
Tune: REUTER (87 87 66 66 7) Friedrich O. Reuter, 1863–1924.

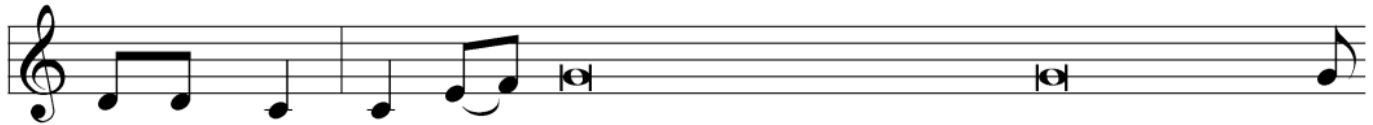
THANKSGIVING

STAND

SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc dimittis*)



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing



to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-

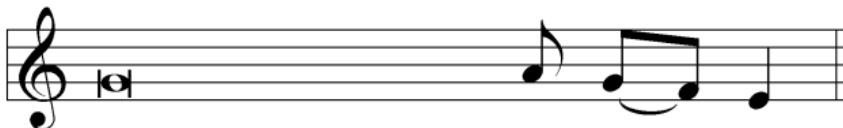


pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

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Communion Assistant: Steve Wendland

Organist and Soloist: Julie Webber

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

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| Today | - 9:30 AM Divine Service |
| | - 10:45 Reception for Confirmands |
| Wednesday | - 9:30 AM Online Bible Class |
| Sunday | - 9:30 AM Divine Service |
| | - 10:45 AM Adult Bible Class and Sunday School |

Serving next week: Altar Guild – Carol Schwartz; Ushering – Team 4

Altar Flowers were donated to the glory of God by Ron and Lois Bude in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Service of Love - This year we have chosen the Pregnancy Care Center to be the recipient of our Service of Love. We will be collecting from now through TODAY, May 21. There will be collection boxes in the Narthex, on the stage and in the school hallway. Items most needed at this time are diapers (sizes 4,5, and 6) as well as Pull-Ups, formula, baby shampoo and lotion, children's books, toys and clothing up to 4T. (Summer clothes for 2, 3, and 4T are most needed at this time). High chairs, pac 'n plays, changing tables, car seats, and swings are needed also. Clothes, toys, books and furniture/equipment may be new or clean and gently used. If you have any questions regarding this collection, please reach out to Becky Lohrmann (lohrmannr@yahoo.com). Thank you for joining us in this Service of Love!

Lemonade on the Lawn will commence on **June 4** after the Divine Service, and in place of Adult Bible Class and Sunday School, through Labor Day weekend. There will

be a signup sheet in the narthex if you would like to provide treats for the congregation.
Monday Evening Divine Services will start on **June 5**.

PASTORAL CARE & MERCY – Please remember with prayers, cards and visits those whose needs have been reported.

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Come on out to the Irish Hills for the Memorial Day weekend barbeque dinner!

Hosted by: Darlington Lutheran Church, Ann Arbor

When: **Sunday, May 28, 2023 from 12--3 pm**

Where: under the **main pavilion at Killarney Lutheran Camp,**
1200 Chisholm Rd, Onsted, MI 49265.

Half chicken (\$10) and 1/4 chicken dinners (\$7), as well as a hot dog plate (\$4) will be available. Or a free-will offering above these prices can be made, with the proceeds going to help fund campground projects.



Come and join us.