# St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church Founded 1856 1343 Penniman Avenue Plymouth, MI 48170 Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod



Disciples' catch after Jesus told them to cast their net on the right side of their boat, and he met them on the shore. Artist: James Tissot. Public Domain.

May 4, 2025 The Third Sunday of Easter **Service Notes:** Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, and 150 in the front of the hymnal will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper. Prayers for worship preparation are on pages 10 and 11. A form for Communion preparation is on page 156.

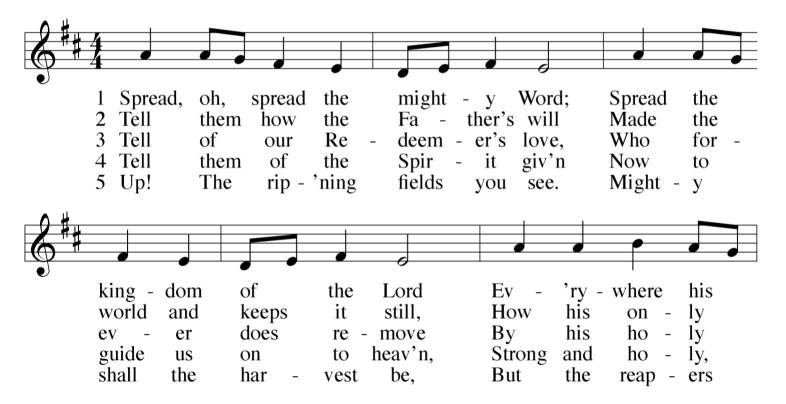
- Guests, please sign the guest registry in the narthex.
- If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please talk to him (734-658-5735).

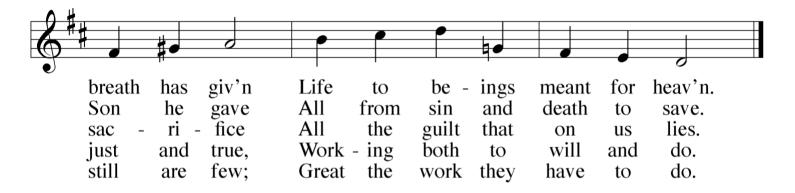
**Holy Communion** will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

# THE COMMON SERVICE (page 15)

**OPENING HYMN: #576** "Spread, Oh Spread the Mighty Word" Public Domain

# 576 Spread, Oh, Spread the Mighty Word





6 Lord of harvest, grant anew, Joy and strength to work for you, Till the gath'ring nations all See your light and heed your call.

STAND

#### **HOLY BAPTISM**

Baptism of Theodore James Abbott Son of Daniel and Emily Abbott

#### REMAIN SEATED

The baptismal party gathers at the font.

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

C: Amen.

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ gave his Church the command to baptize when he said: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

Scripture makes plain the universal need for Baptism. As children of Adam, we belong to a fallen race. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature and would be lost forever unless delivered by our Lord Jesus Christ. He willingly took on himself the curse of sin and by his death on the cross redeemed us and all people.

Christ's almighty Word gives Baptism its power to save. The Apostle Peter declares, "Baptism now saves you." Scripture also clearly teaches that the power and promise of Baptism is intended for young and old alike. On the day of Pentecost the apostle testified, "The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." By water and the Spirit, we are born again and united with Christ and his people as members of the Church.

# For the baptism of infants and young children

M: In bringing this child to Baptism, you are doing what is God-pleasing. Jesus himself invited little children to become a part of his kingdom when he said: "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.

# The minister marks the sign of the cross on each of those present for Baptism, saying:

**M:** Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart (+) to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

#### **PRAYER**

M: Let us pray.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father, through your stern judgment the unbelieving world was destroyed by the flood, but according to your great mercy, you saved Noah and his family. You engulfed stubborn Pharaoh and his army in the waters of the Red Sea but led your people through those same waters to safety on dry land. In the waters of the Jordan your own Son was baptized and anointed with the Spirit. By these signs you foreshadowed the precious, cleansing bath which you give us in Holy Baptism.

Clinging to your command and promise, we ask that you would look with favor on *Theodore* through this water of Baptism, drown in *him* all sin inherited from Adam and any other evil *he* may do. Set *him* apart from the unbelieving world and hold *him* safe and secure in the holy ark of the Church. Keep *him* always fervent in spirit and joyful in hope so that *he* may honor your holy name and at last receive, together with all your people, the promised inheritance of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

**M:** Let us confess the faith of the Church, the faith into which this child will be baptized, the Apostles' Creed.

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there 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.

The minister says to the parents or of each infant or young child presented for baptism:

**M:** Do you desire to have your child baptized into this Christian faith?

R: Yes.

The minister applies water to the one being baptized as he says:

M: Theodore James Abbott, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

# The minister, laying his hand on the one baptized, says:

M: The Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven.

May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace (+) be with you.

#### **EXHORTATION TO PARENTS**

M: Dear parents, our Lord Jesus Christ, in instituting Baptism, not only commanded that children should be baptized, but that they should be taught to obey everything he has commanded us. I therefore ask you:

Do you sincerely intend to bring up *Theodore* in the way of the Lord and to instruct *him* in the truths of God's saving Word so that *he* may grow in faith, serve God with a Christian life, and remain in *his* baptismal grace unto the end? If so, answer: Yes, and we ask God to help us.

R: Yes, and we ask God to help us.

#### **EXHORTATION TO THE CONGREGATION**

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love, therefore, urges all of us to assist in whatever manner possible so that all who are baptized may remain a child of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, and we ask God to help us.

C: Yes, and we ask God to help us.

#### **BAPTISMAL GARMENT**

M: This white garment shows that Christ has taken away your sin and put on you his perfect robe of righteousness.

#### **BAPTISMAL CANDLE**

A baptismal candle may be lit from the paschal or altar candle and be given to the baptized (or to the parent or sponsor of a child) by the minister who says:

**M:** Jesus said: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Receive this burning light. Live always by the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for his coming, that you may meet him with joy and enter with him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in his kingdom, which shall have no end.

Light this candle again and again in years to come on anniversaries of this day, and recall what God has done for *Soren* through the gift of his Son and through Baptism which unites *him* with Jesus in his death to sin and resurrection to new life.

#### **PRAYER**

M: Let us pray.

M: Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the gift of Baptism by which you wash away sin and give us a new and eternal life. Help us each day to remember that through Baptism you clothe us with Christ that we may stand holy and righteous before you. Look with favor on *Theodore* that *he* may be kept safe by the gift of your

Spirit, grow daily in your grace, and live forever by the power of the risen Christ. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to all the baptized, so that all may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be down
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 minister dismisses the baptismal party, saying:

M: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ, strengthen you by his Spirit, that Christ, dwelling in your hearts by faith, may fill you with all spiritual blessings. Go (+) in peace.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever



**BE SEATED** 



FIRST LESSON: Acts 9:1-22

**9** But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" <sup>5</sup> And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup> But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." <sup>7</sup> The man who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. <sup>8</sup> Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into

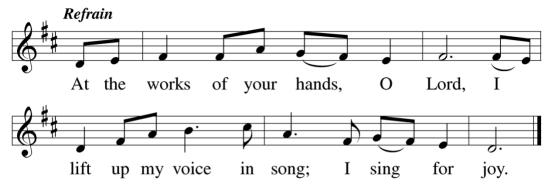
Damascus. <sup>9</sup> And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup> Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." 11 And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying. 12 and he was seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." 13 But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. 14 And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." 15 But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. <sup>16</sup> For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." 17 So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." 18 And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; 19 and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. <sup>20</sup> And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God," <sup>21</sup> And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" <sup>22</sup> But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

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Sing to the LORD, you <u>saints</u> of his;\* praise his <u>ho</u>ly name.

For his anger lasts only a <u>mo</u>ment,\* but his favor lasts a <u>life</u>time;

weeping may remain <u>for</u> a night,\* but rejoicing comes in the <u>morning</u>. **Refrain** 

To you, O <u>LORD</u>, I called;\* to the Lord I cried for <u>mer</u>cy.

Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me;\* O LORD, be my help.

You turned my wailing into <u>dancing</u>,\* that my heart may sing to you and not be <u>si</u>lent.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son\* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the beg<u>in</u>ning,\* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men. *Refrain* 

### SECOND LESSON: Revelation 5:11-14

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup> saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" <sup>13</sup>

And I heard every creature in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" <sup>14</sup> And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

**VERSE OF THE DAY** (Cantor) Luke 24:32 cf. NIV Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Our hearts were burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us. Alleluia!

#### STAND

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings



#### **GOSPEL:** John 21:1-14

<sup>19</sup> After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup> Simon Peter, Thomas (Called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together <sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing" They sad to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup> He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. <sup>7</sup> That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. <sup>8</sup> The other disciples came in

the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

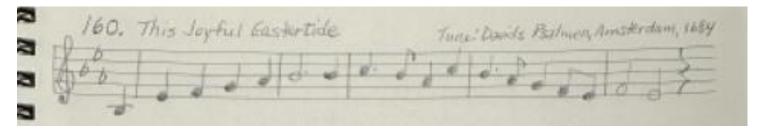
<sup>9</sup> When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time Jesus was revealed too the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

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#### **BE SEATED**

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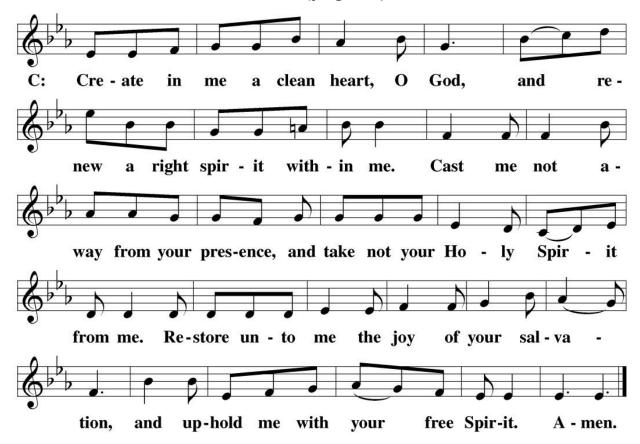
- This joyful Eastertide A way with sin and sorrow!
   My love the crucified, Has sprung to life this morrow. *Refrain*
- 2. Death's flood has lost its chill since Jesus crossed the river Lover of souls, from ill My passing soul deliver. *Refrain*
- 3. My flesh in hope shall rest And for a season slumber. Till trump from east to west Shall wake the dead in number. *Refrain*

Refrain: Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst his three day prison, Our faith had been in vain: But now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen. But now has Christ arisen.

# **SERMON**

STAND

# PSALM 51 RESPONSE (page 20)



#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH - EASTER SEASON

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**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.

#### 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.

#### **BE SEATED**

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



#### **PREFACE**

**M**: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.

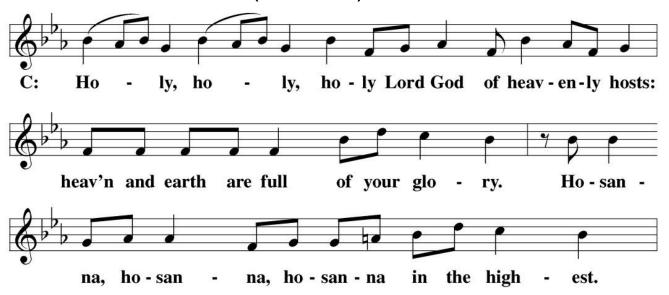


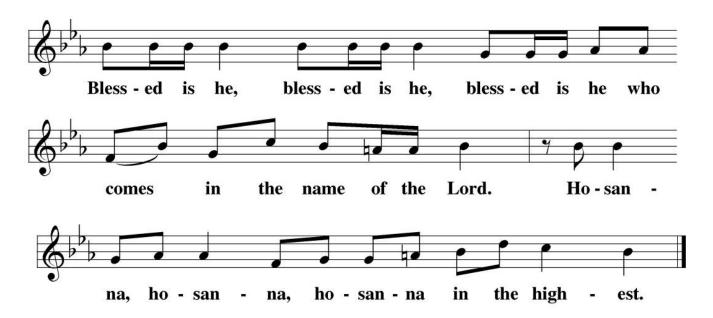
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



**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** (Sanctus)





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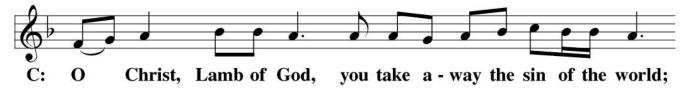
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

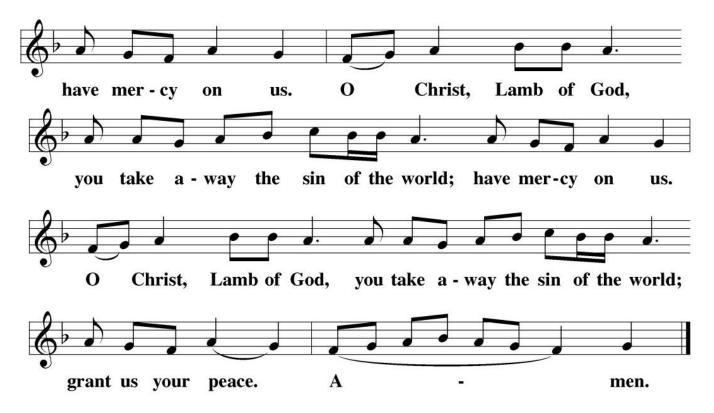
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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



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**BE SEATED** 

# **DISTRIBUTION DISTRIBUTION ANTHEM:** Cantor: "Come to the Banquet"

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- Come to the banquet God has prepared, a table of plenty, no cost has been spared. Christ is our servant, we are His guest at a feast of forgiveness where all will be blessed. *Repeat*
- 2. Come and remember as you eat the bread all the ways that He fed you by the words that He said. There's rest for the weary, rest and strength for the small.
  - O come and remember the Savior of all. Repeat
- 3. Come to the table, rejoice in the wine that refreshes the spirit, brings peace to the mind. Come drink your fill till hearts overflow. O come to the banquet where God's grace is shown.
- 4. Go from the banquet with hearts strong and pure, your place at the table forever secure. Ask all who hunger to join with you there, for there's room at the banquet, *Repeat 2x* and plenty to share.

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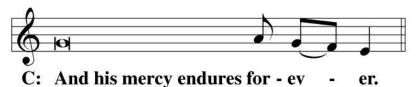
## **THANKSGIVING (page 24)**

#### **STAND**

# **SONG OF SIMEON** (Nunc Dimittis)



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



M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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.



#### **OFFICIANTS:**

Preacher and Celebrant: Pastor Paul Schaefer Communion Assistant:Mark Castellese Organ: Jan Jacobi; Cantor: Lois Bude

#### THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service

-10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

-12:00 - 2:00 PM 'Baby Shower' in gymnasium

Tuesday - 7:00 PM All Boards except Elders

- 8:00 PM Church Council

Wednesday - 9:30 AM Online Bible Class

- 7:00 PM Vacation Bible School Planning in church

basement, all are welcome

Thursday - 7:00 PM Senior Choir Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service

- 10:45 AM Sunday School

- 10:45 AM Divine Call Meeting

Serving May 11 Altar Guild: Thea Bude; Ushers: #4

**TODAY from noon until 2pm in the gym**. We are having a "Baby Shower" to support the Pregnancy Care Center. A light lunch will be served. The Pregnancy Care Center can use new or gently used clothes (newborn -4T) and toys. They can also use baby lotion, shampoo, baby wash, formula, wipes and diapers. All are invited! Please sign up in the Narthex.

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

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