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



Sunday, April 20, 2025 Easter Testival Divine Service

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.

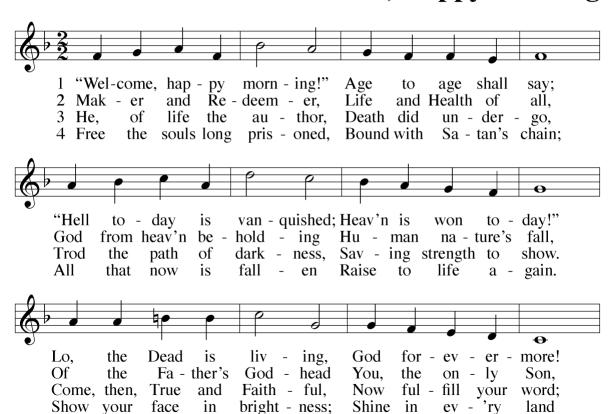
THE COMMON SERVICE (page 15) OPENING HYMN: #163 "Welcome, Happy Morning"

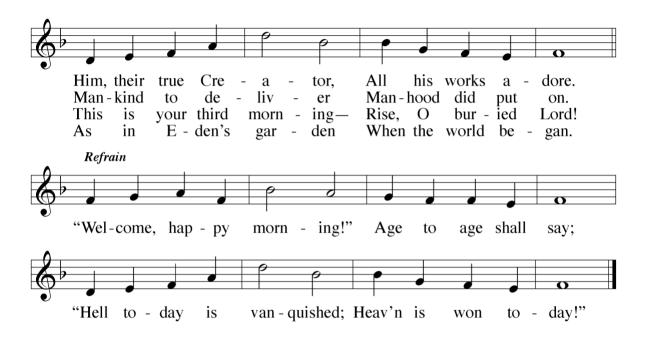
Text: Venantius Fortunatus, c. 530-609, abr.; tr. John Ellerton, 1826-93, alt. Public Domain.

EASTER

163

Welcome, Happy Morning





Text: Venantius Fortunatus, c. 530–609, abr.; tr. John Ellerton, 1826–93, alt.
Tune: SEI DU MIR GEGRÜSSET (65 65 D with Refrain) *Enchiridion Geistlike Lede und Psalmen*, Lübeck, 1545.

STAND

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

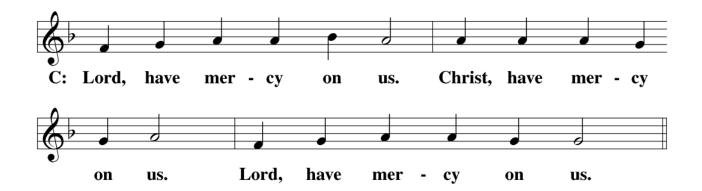


CONFESSION OF SINS

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.



M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord: (In place of the *Gloria in Excelsis, we sing Hymn 265.)*

Contributors: John W. Arthur 1922–80 and Richard Hillert (b. 1923) © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission of Augsburg Fortress. Reprinted and podcast with permission under One License #A-722670. All rights reserved.

265

This Is the Feast of Victory



Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-80. © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship. All rights reserved.

Reprinted by permission of Augsburg Fortress.

Tune: FESTIVAL CANTICLE (Irregular with Refrain) Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923. © 1975, 1988 Richard Hillert.

All rights reserved. Used by permssion.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in the newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise now and forever.



BE SEATED



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all people

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,

of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

- u⁷ And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all the nations.
- He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,

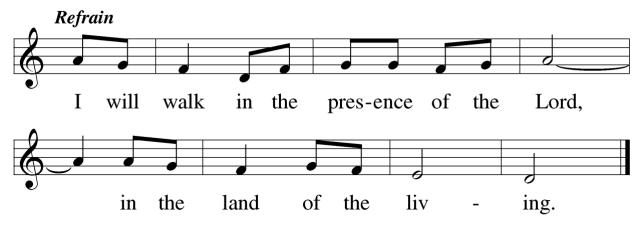
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,

Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.

This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 16 Refrain Music: Richard Proulx ©1986 GIA Publications, Inc. Tone Music: ©1993 Kermit G. Moldenhauer. Both reprinted and podcast with permission under One License #A722670. All rights reserved.





Keep me <u>safe</u>, O God,* for in you I take <u>ref</u>uge.

- I said to the LORD, "You <u>are</u> my Lord;* apart from you I have <u>no</u> good thing."
- I have set the LORD always before me.*

 Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. *Refrain*
- My heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;* my body also will <u>rest</u> secure,
- because you will not abandon me to the grave,* nor will you let your Holy One see decay.
- You have made known to me the <u>path</u> of life;* you will fill me with joy in your <u>pres</u>ence.
- 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

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

shall all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

"Death is swallowed up in victory."

55 "O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?"

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

VERSE OF THE DAY (Choir) Psalm 118:24

Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia.

STAND

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12

24 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵ And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in

Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." ⁸ And they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹ but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

The Holy Bible, English Standard Version © 2001 by Crossway Bibles, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers.



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

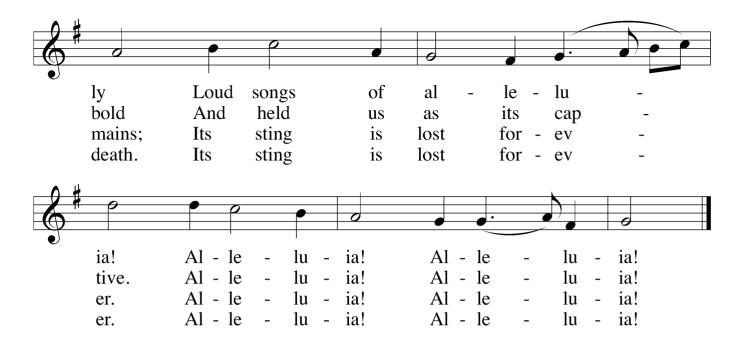
GOSPEL RESPONSE: CWS#720 "Christ Jesus Lay in

Death's Strong Bands" Original German Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546, English Translation: Richard Massie, 1800-1887 alt. Music: Kermit G. Moldenhauer b. 1949 ©2005 Kermit G. Moldenhauer. Reprinted ad podcast with permission under One License #A722670. All rights reserved.

Choir: vs. 1-4; Congregation: vs. 5-7

720 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands





- 5 Here the true Paschal Lamb we see,
 Whom God so freely gave us;
 He died on the accursed tree—
 So strong his love—to save us.
 See, his blood now marks our door;
 Faith points to it; death passes o'er,
 And Satan cannot harm us.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 6 So let us keep the festival
 To which the Lord invites us;
 Christ is himself the joy of all,
 The sun that warms and lights us.
 Now his grace to us imparts
 Eternal sunshine to our hearts;
 The night of sin is ended.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 7 Then let us feast this Easter Day
 On Christ, the bread of heaven;
 The Word of grace has purged away
 The old and evil leaven.
 Christ alone our souls will feed;
 He is our meat and drink indeed;
 Faith lives upon no other!
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

This important and historic Easter text is set to a new tune with the hope of reviving its use within the church.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–1887, alt.

Tune: NORTHRIDGE (87 87 78 744) Kermit Moldenhauer, b. 1949 © 2005 Kermit Moldenhauer. All rights reserved.

Used by permission.

HYMN OF THE DAY: #156: "Awake, My Heart, with

Gladness" Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. John Kelly, 1833–90, alt. EASTER

156

Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

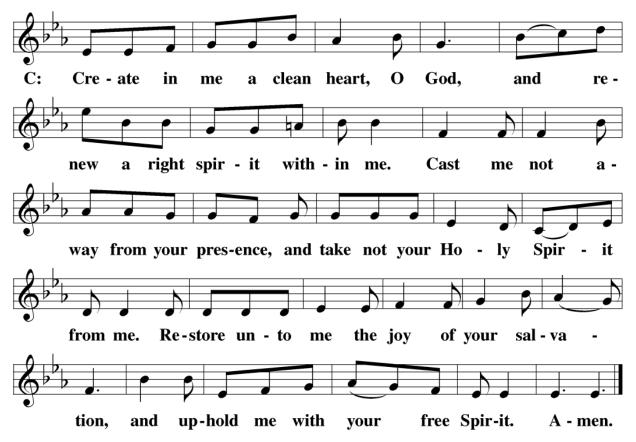


Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. John Kelly, 1833–90, alt. Tune: AUF, AUF, MEIN HERZ (76 76 66 66) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

SERMON

STAND

PSALM 51 RESPONSE (page 20)



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR EASTER SUNDAY

© 1999 Northwestern Publishing House. Reprinted by permission.

M: Heavenly Father, God of grace, you have brought us into a new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

C: Christ is risen!

M: For as in Adam all died, so in Christ all will be made alive.

C: He is risen indeed!

M: He was delivered over to death for our sins and raised to life for our justification.

C: Alleluia!

M: We marvel at the love you showed by your willingness to sacrifice your Son to pay for our sins; we bow down in adoration at your mighty power, which raised him from the dead.

C: We praise you for sending the true Life and Light into the world.

M: Lord Jesus, God of grace, you have filled our hearts with resurrection joy by your victory over sin, death, and the grave.

C: You have conquered the darkness and given us comfort and hope.

M: With the Church of every age, we offer you unending praise, for you have crushed Satan's head and have removed our guilt.

C: You are risen!

M: Dear Savior, we who are weary and burdened come to you for rest, knowing that because of your perfect redemption there is now no condemnation for us.

C: You are risen indeed!

M: Take away our doubts and fears, and daily renew in us the joy of our salvation.

C: Alleluia!

M: Holy Spirit, God of grace, you have called us by the gospel and brought us to saving faith in our risen Lord.

C: We glorify you for opening our eyes to see the light of life.

M: Keep us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

C: He is risen!

M: As we journey through life, make us yearn for the day when you will give eternal life to us and all believers in Christ.

C: He is risen indeed!

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

M: Work through us as we proclaim the saving message of the crucified and risen Jesus near and far, so that many others may hear your call, obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, and join us before the throne of our God and of the Lamb.

C: Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia! 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



THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.

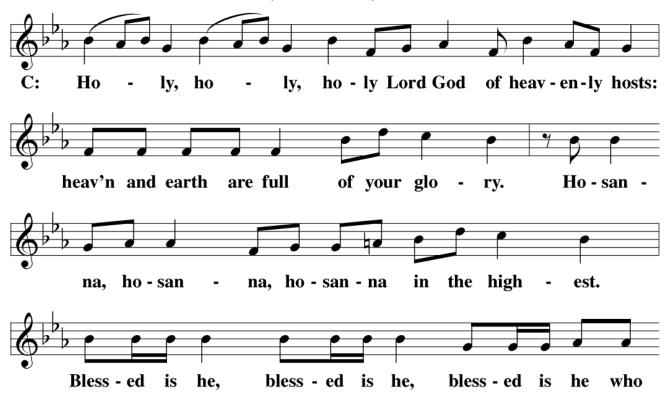


M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



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, HOLY (Sanctus)





WORDS OF INSTITUTION

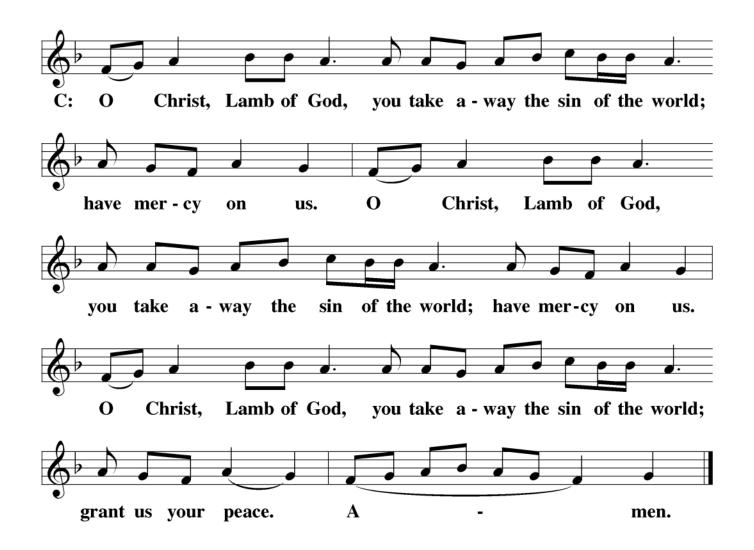
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (Agnus Dei) © 1993 Northwestern Publishing House. Reprinted and podcast with permission under One License #A722670. All rights reserved.



BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

#148 "The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done" Public Domain

#157 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" without descant. Public Domain.

148

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done



Text: Symphonia Sirenum Selectarum, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832–1909, alt. Tune: Victory (888 4 with Alleluias) Giovanni P. da Palestrina, c. 1525–94, adapt.

157

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



Text: Latin hymn, 14th century, st. 1-3; Charles Wesley, 1707–88, st. 4; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708, st. 1-3, alt. Tune: EASTER HYMN (77 77 with Alleluias) *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708, alt.

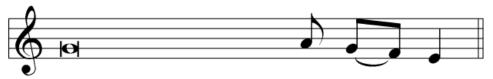
THANKSGIVING (page 24)

STAND

SONG OF SIMEON (Nunc dimittis)



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.



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.



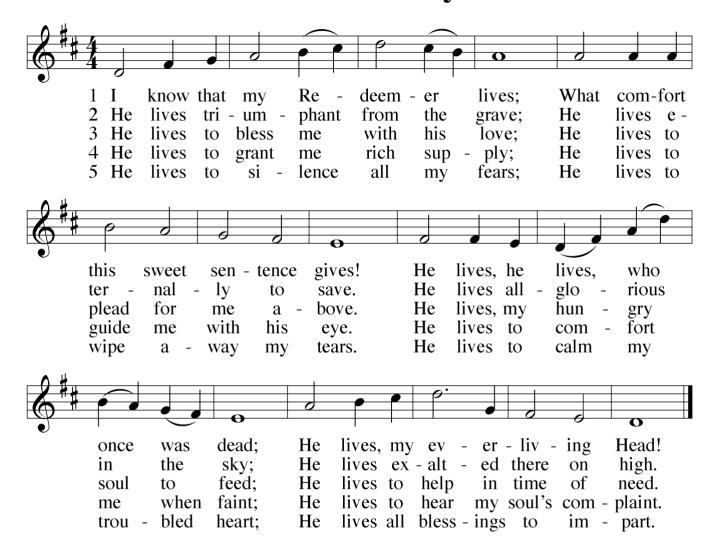
BE SEATED

Closing Hymn: #152 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–99, abr. Without descant, Public Domain.

152

I Know that My Redeemer Lives



- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end. He lives, and while he lives I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death. He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same. Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: "I know that my Redeemer lives!"

OFFICIANTS:

Preacher and Celebrant: Pastor Paul Schaefer Communion Assistant: Ron Bude; Music: Julie Webber and Senior Choir

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service

-10:45 AM Call Meeting, Sunday School

Wednesday - 9:30 Online Bible Class

Thursday - NO Senior Choir

Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service

- 10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

Serving Apr 27: Altar Guild: Margaret Seppanen; Ushers: #2

Due Apr 27: Ladies Guild Mite Boxes

Saturday, May 3: CHURCH WORKBEE: Besides the grounds sprucing, we need the church's kitchen cleaned. Refrigerator, stove, rolling carts, and cupboard fronts need wiping down. Anything not labeled in the refrigerator with a future expiration date, **DISCARD.**

Thank you to all - who contributed to, prepared, set up for and cleaned up after the Easter Breakfast!

Donated Sanctuary Easter Flowers may be taken home today after the 9:30 service. Those not claimed after next Sunday will be planted outside the church.

Save the Date – Our <u>Service of Love</u> this year will be **May 4**th **from noon until 2pm in the gym**. We will be 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.

Church Office: 734-453-3393 https://saintpeterplymouth.org stpeterlutheran@hotmail.com

Pastor: Rev. Paul Schaefer Cellphone: 734-658-5735 Email: Peschaef5@gmail.com

Music Director: Julie Webber **Church Secretary:** Tracy Pitt

St. Peter's Preschool

https://saintpeterpreschool.org stpeterspreschool@hotmail.com

Director: Rebecca Lohrmann

Michigan Lutheran Seminary (MLS)

(Saginaw) 989-793-1041

Hope Christian Academy (Westland) 734-525-0160

President: Bruce Winkler
Vice President: Richard Cording
Council Secretary: Jim Cutler
Treasurer: Seth Anderson
Financial Secretaries:
Steve Jacobi and Van Varner

Board Chairmen:
Elders – Ron Bude
Stewardship/Education Scott Beckerman
Trustees – Dave Sylvester