

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church
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May 11, 2025
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday

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: #354 "Lamb of God, We Fall Before You"

Text: Joseph Hart (1712-1768)

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Lamb of God, We Fall before You



1 Lamb of God, we fall be - fore you, Hum - bly
2 Je - sus is the per - fect Sav - ior, On - ly
3 Je - sus gives us true re - pent - ance By his
4 Faith he grants us to be - lieve it, Grate - ful
5 Je - sus gives us pure af - fec - tions, Wills to



trust - ing in your cross. Our great joy is to a -
source of all that's good; Ev - 'ry grace and ev - 'ry
Spir - it sent from heav'n, Whis - pers this as - sur - ing
hearts his love to prize; Want we wis - dom? He must
do what he re - quires, Makes us fol - low his di -



dore you; All things else are on - ly dross.
fa - vor Come to us through Je - sus' blood.
sen - tence, "All your sins are now for - giv'n."
give it, Hear - ing ears and see - ing eyes.
rec - tions. And what he com - mands. in - spires.

6 All our prayers and all our praises,
Rightly offered in his name—
He that asks for them is Jesus;
He that answers is the same.

STAND

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

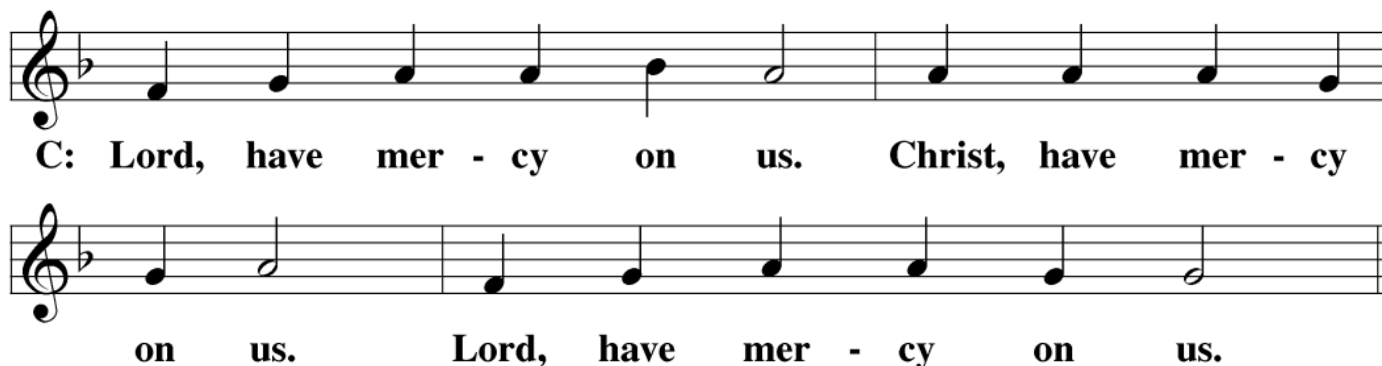


CONFESSION OF SINS

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*)

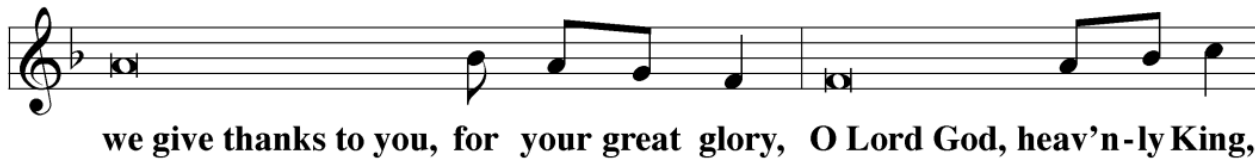
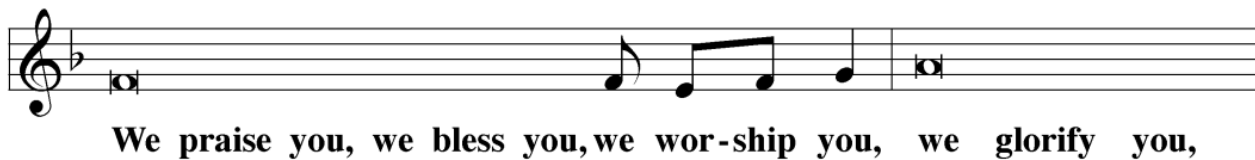
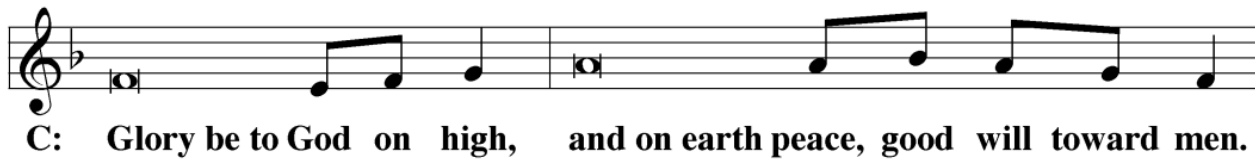


M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



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.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BE SEATED



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Acts 13:15,16a, 26-39

¹⁵ After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent a message to them, saying, “Brothers, if you have any word of encouragement for the people, say it.” ¹⁶ So Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said: “Brothers, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation. ²⁷ For those who live in Jerusalem and their rulers, because they did not recognize him nor understand the utterances of the prophets, which are read every Sabbath, fulfilled them by condemning him. ²⁸ And though they found in him no guilt worthy of death, they asked Pilate to have him executed. ²⁹ And when they had carried out all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. ³⁰ But God raised him from the dead, ³¹ and for many days he appeared to those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses to the people. ³² And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, ³³ this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus, as also it is written in the second Psalm, “‘You are my Son, today I have begotten you.’” ³⁴ And as for the fact that he raised him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, he has spoken in this way, “‘I will give you the holy and sure blessings of David.’” ³⁵ Therefore he says also in another psalm, “‘You will not let your Holy One see corruption.’” ³⁶ For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was laid with his fathers and saw corruption, ³⁷ but he whom God raised up did not see corruption. ³⁸ Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, ³⁹ and by him everyone

who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 23 Cantors: “The Lord’s My Shepherd” **CWS#766 (aka CW21 #533)** Text: J. L. Macbeth Bain; Setting: ©1925 Oxford University Press. Reprinted, podcast, and recorded with permission under One Licenses: #722670 and #R101103.

1 The Lord’s my Shepherd; I’ll not want. He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me the quiet waters by. **Repeat**

2 My soul he doth restore again And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness, E’en for his own name’s sake. **Repeat**

3 Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill;
For thou art with me, and thy rod And staff me comfort still. **Repeat**

4 My table thou hast furnished In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows. **Repeat**

5 Goodness and mercy, all my life, Shall surely follow me,
And in God’s house forevermore My dwelling place shall be. **Repeat**

SECOND LESSON: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ 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, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹ 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, ¹² saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴ 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.

¹⁵ "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.

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

¹⁷ 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."

VERSE OF THE DAY (Cantors) John 10:14

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. Alleluia!

STAND

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

²² At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴ 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." ²⁵ 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, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish,

and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ I and the Father are one."

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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: #375 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” Text: Henry W. Baker (1821-1877)

375

The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My
 3 Con - fused and fool - ish oft I strayed, But
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With
 5 You spread a ta - ble in my sight, A



good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 Sav - ior gent - ly leads me; And where the ver - dant
 yet in love he sought me And on his shoul - der
 you, dear Lord, be - side me; Your rod and staff my
 ban - quet here be - stow - ing; Your oil of wel - come,



I am his, And he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feeds me.
 gent - ly laid And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still, Your cross be - fore to guide me.
 my de - light; My cup is o - ver - flow - ing!

6 And so through all the length of days
 Your goodness fails me never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise
 Within your house forever!

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–77, alt.

Tune: ST. COLUMBA (87 87 Iambic) Irish melody, c. 18th century, alt.

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH - EASTER SEASON (p. 126)

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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



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 -



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."

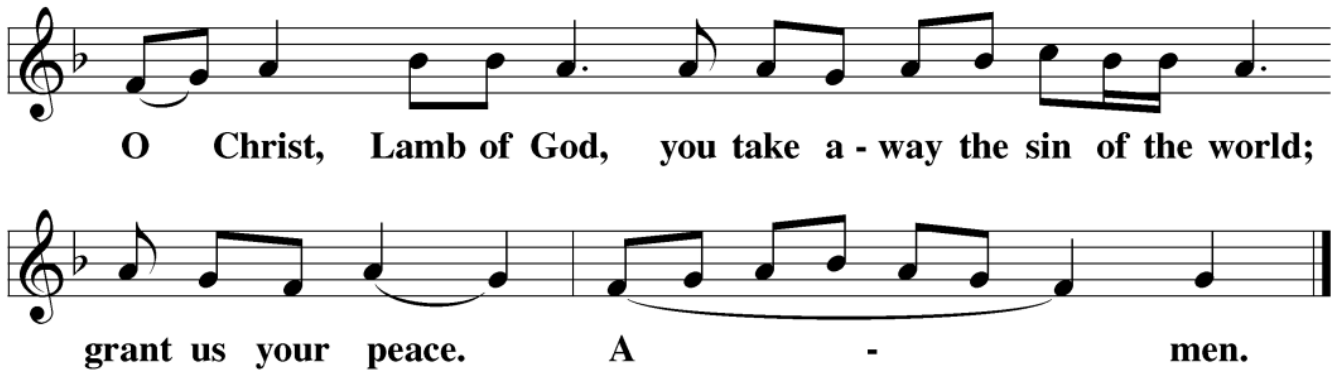
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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



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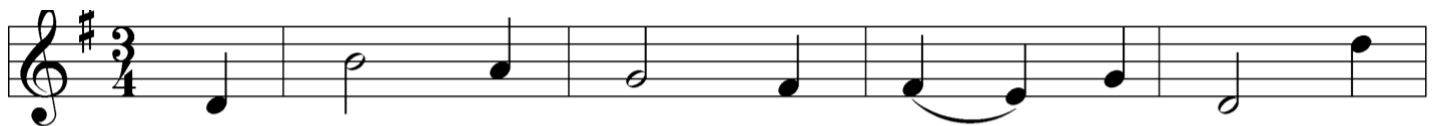


BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

#360 "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"



1 The Lord's my shep - herd; I'll not want. He
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain And
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet
4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed In
5 Good - ness and mer - cy, all my life, Shall



makes me down to lie In pas - tures green; he
me to walk doth make With - in the paths of
will I fear no ill; For thou art with me,
pres - ence of my foes; My head thou dost with
sure - ly fol - low me, And in God's house for -



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.
right - eous - ness, E'en for his own name's sake.
and thy rod And staff me com - fort still.
oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.
ev - er - more My dwell - ing - place shall be.

#TLH 312 "Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Living Bread"

Du Lebensbrot, Herr Jesu Christ
Johann Rist, 1654, cento
Tr., Arthur T. Russell, 1851, alt.

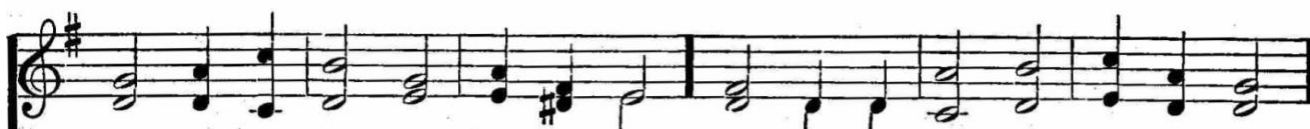
Herr, wie du willst
"Deutsch Kirchenamt"
Strassburg, 1525



1 Lord Je-sus Christ, Thou living Bread, May I for mine pos-sess Thee.
2 Thou me to pas-tures green dost guide, To qui-et wa-ters lead me;
3 O Bread of Heav'n, my soul's De-light, For full and free re-mis-sion
4 I mer-it not Thy fa-vor, Lord, Sin now up-on me li-eth;



I would with heav'n-ly food be fed; De-scend, re-fresh, and bless me.
Thy Ta-ble Thou dost well pro-vide And from Thy hand dost feed me.
With prayer I come be-fore Thy sight, In sor-row and con-tri-tion.
Be-neath my bur-den, self-ab-horred, To Thee my spir-it cri-eth.



Now make me meet for Thee, O Lord; Now, hum-bly by my heart im-plored,
Sin, weakness, and in-fir-mi-ty Am I; O Sav-ior, give to me
With faith a-dorn my soul that I May to Thy Ta-ble now draw nigh
In all my grief this com-forts me, That Thou on sin-ners gra-cious-ly,



Grant me Thy grace and mer-cy.
The cup of Thy sal-va-tion.
With Thine own prep-a-ra-tion.
Lord Je-sus, hast com-pas-sion. A-men.



THANKSGIVING (page 24)

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: Ron Bude; Keys: J. Webber
Cantors: Damon Pearce, Stephanie Wright

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service
- 10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
Wednesday - 9:30 AM Online Bible Class
Thursday - 7:00 PM Final Senior Choir for the season
Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service
- 10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

Serving May 18: Altar : Chris Ward; **Ushers: #1**

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

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