

Saint Peter
LUTHERAN CHURCH

OUR LIFE TOGETHER



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION!

The center of the Christian calendar lies squarely on Easter Sunday. Everything before leads up to it. Everything after follows from it. We invite you to worship with us through Holy Week as we prepare ourselves to cry out, with all of our hearts, on Easter Sunday morning: "Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!"

PASSION SUNDAY (ALSO KNOWN AS PALM SUNDAY) - MARCH 25

- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Service
- 9:30 a.m. Youth Education
- 9:40 a.m. Adult Education
- 10:45 a.m. Contemporary Communion Service
- 12:15 p.m. Saint Peter Easter Egg Hunt

MAUNDY THURSDAY - MARCH 29

- 7:00 p.m. Communion Service

GOOD FRIDAY - MARCH 30

- 8:00 p.m. Service of the Word

HOLY SATURDAY - MARCH 31

- 9:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD; EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 1

- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Service
No Youth or Adult Education
- 10:45 a.m. Contemporary Communion Service

LESSONS

- Isaiah 50:4-9a
- Psalms 31:9-16
- Philippians 2:5-11
- Mark 14:1--15:47

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE (CONTINUED)

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY (MARCH 25TH)

During the first part of our worship service, we recall Jesus' final entry into Jerusalem. The first part of our service recognizes this event. We begin outside as a witness to the whole community of the story we remember this week. We confess our sins, hear the ancient word, and with shouts of joy and a hymn of praise we make our way into the worship area, just as Jesus once made his way into Jerusalem. This first portion of our service is an uplifting one — offering us the opportunity to join our voices with those who welcomed Jesus in to Jerusalem that last time.

During the second part of our worship service, we recall the entire last week of Jesus' life. In this most holy week of the church year, it is good for us to remember what our Lord experienced as he lived the last seven days of his life. Most of all we remember that in life and death he lived and died for us — that we might be put right with God. This is why, although a somber tone arises during this time together, we still gather in joy, knowing that Jesus' pain is for our benefit, and is a reminder of how deeply God loves us. Let us listen to the account of our Lord's suffering and death, knowing that through it our God desires to be reunited with us in a relationship that lasts to eternity.

THE TRIDUUM (MARCH 29-31)

The Triduum is the name of the one liturgy for the three sacred days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. It is one worship service in three parts. Each of these evenings needs the other two to make it complete. With this worship experience we will journey through Holy Week with our Lord. Our worship will bring us to the upper room; we will be at Gethsemane, Golgotha and in the dark tomb. We will witness the resurrection.

MAUNDY THURSDAY (MARCH 29TH)

At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus' commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, especially the poor and the unloved. At the Lord's table we remember Jesus' sacrifice of his life, even as we are called to offer ourselves in love for the life of the world.

GOOD FRIDAY (MARCH 30TH)

At the heart of the Good Friday liturgy is the passion according to John, which proclaims Jesus as a triumphant king who reigns from the cross. The ancient title for this day—the triumph of the cross—reminds us that the church gathers not to mourn this day but to celebrate Christ's life-giving passion and to find strength and hope in the tree of life.



RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD: VIGIL OF EASTER (MARCH 31ST)

This is the night! This is our Passover with Christ from darkness to light, from bondage to freedom, from death to life. The Vigil of Easter is the heart of our celebration of the Three Days and the pinnacle of the church's year. The resurrection of Christ is proclaimed in word and sign, and we gather around a pillar of fire, hear ancient stories of our faith, welcome new sisters and brothers at the font, and share the food and drink of the promised land. Raised with Christ, we go forth into the world, aflame with the good news of the resurrection.

EASTER SUNDAY (APRIL 1ST)

This is the day on which we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. For centuries this has been the most important day on our church calendar. When the angels spoke to the two Marys and Salome early on that Easter morning, they were the first to hear the message we celebrate this day. Since then millions have spoken the words: "Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!" And these words have the same power today as they did on that first Easter morning. Christ is risen! God has defeated even death itself! And we who believe have been given the gift of eternal life. Amen!

EASTER PRAYER VIGIL

One of the blessings at Saint Peter Lutheran Church is the tradition of being constant in prayer as we consider what has happened between the time of the crucifixion and the resurrection.

If you have not participated in the Prayer Vigil before, you will find, as do those who participate each year, the altar stripped with the cross remaining as our center. Our senses are heightened in the flickering light of the candles in the stillness and silence. Those of you praying during daylight hours have the opportunity to use the labyrinth. It's a time we can set aside to kneel, to pray, interceding for the world around us, for our church, and for ourselves.

The sign-up sheet for an hour of prayer is hanging on the door in the Narthex. The Prayer Vigil will begin following evening worship on Good Friday (March 30) through Easter morning (April 1). We suggest that men or couples sign up for the late night hours. The church is kept locked, and a key will be made available to you. A list of prayer requests, books, and meditation helps will also be available. We hope all the hours will be filled again this year.

CHECK OUT THE NEW STPLC.ORG

A big thank you to Sara Lancaster and Brady Risendal for all their work on designing and launching our new website this week.

EASTER LILIES - ORDER TODAY!

The giving of Easter Lilies is a way to remember someone and beautify Saint Peter during the Easter season. Envelopes to purchase an Easter Lily are in the chair pockets in the Worship Center. You may designate it for the honor or memory of someone or to the glory of God. Just fill out the information on the outside of the envelope, include your \$10 donation, and place it in the offering plate. **TODAY IS THE DEADLINE TO MAKE A DONATION.**



PASTOR DAVE'S COMMUNION CLASS - CELEBRATION SUNDAY!

At Saint Peter we welcome all to join us at the table, and we invite parents to begin including their children as soon as they are ready. Every year Pastor Dave meets with our young people (third grade or older) during the Season of Lent to help them to develop a deeper understanding about Holy Communion. Together they explore how God is with us in this sacred meal.

This morning we recognize and celebrate the following youth:

Airlie Georgia Augustine
Matthew Jensen Augustine
Daley Josephine Harnett
Maiah Elyse Howie
Payton Sharon Strezo
Bowen Kent Tieperman
Lauren Alexis Waggoner

These students recently completed Pastor Dave's Communion Class and will be presented a certificate and a Bible to celebrate this faith milestone.

If you have a child who is in third grade or older and has not received a Bible from Saint Peter Lutheran, please contact David Strezo at dave@stplc.org or Pastor Dave at drisendal@stplc.org.

SAINT PETER EASTER EGG HUNT

TODAY - FOLLOWING SECOND SERVICE

Hunt. Gather. Share

Bring a nonperishable food item to SHARE with Covenant Cupboard!

Please join us for the annual Saint Peter Easter Egg Hunt. Kids of all ages are invited to hunt and hide eggs. Light snacks will be served before the hunt.

Additionally, as part of the event we are also looking to collect canned goods and nonperishable food items for our partners at the Covenant Cupboard Food Pantry where approximately 100 local, low-income households are served each week. Saint Peter youth will package/load the donations and discuss the importance of supporting the Covenant Cupboard ministry and people in need. Proteins like peanut butter and canned chicken/tuna are preferred, but any canned goods are welcome.

We are **looking for volunteers** to bring pre-filled eggs for the hunt. Please contact Dave Strezo (815-916-7013 or dstrezo@omnitrax.com) if you can bring eggs or want to contribute to the effort and fun!



LUTHERAN LITURGY TO BE FEATURED DURING SUNDAY'S ADULT FORUM

For six weeks, beginning February 25th, Dr. Nancy Beyer will be leading us in a study of Lutheran Liturgy. This course is intended to coordinate with Pastor Dave's sermon series on Worship & Liturgy, which began on Transfiguration Sunday (February 11th). It will cover such topics as the history of Judeo/Christian worship, Martin Luther's thoughts on worship, and four-fold shape of worship: Gathering, Word, Meal and Sending.

Adult Forum takes place every Sunday in the Narthex, beginning at 9:40 a.m. Please make every effort to participate in this series — it will help you to discover a new depth and meaning in the way you worship, and hopefully in your relationship with God.

NEW MEMBER INFORMATION SERIES

I write to inform you about an opportunity coming up soon — our New Member Information Series. This is a chance for newcomers to learn about our congregation and our Lutheran traditions, meet some of the leaders of Saint Peter, and explore what it might mean for you to be involved here as a member. We have scheduled four gatherings, each gathering will begin shortly after noon, include a light lunch, and finish up by about 1:30 p.m.

- Sunday, April 15th An Introduction to Saint Peter
- Sunday, April 22nd An Introduction to the Lutheran Tradition
- Sunday, April 29th Our Gifts and Abilities
- Sunday, May 6th Membership at Saint Peter

New members will be formally welcomed into the life of our congregation through a service of prayer during the worship services on Sunday morning, May 6th.

If you are interested in making Saint Peter your official church home here in the south-metro area, or if you are simply interested in learning a bit more about Saint Peter and the Lutheran Church, I'd love to have you attend this series. Please drop me an e-mail (drisendal@stplc.org) or call the church office at 303-770- 9300 if you plan on attending.

These gatherings are not just for newcomers - All Saint Peter Members are encouraged to attend!

~ Pastor Dave

PRAYER CONCERNS (*NEW THIS WEEK)

Praying for	Relationship	Prayer
*Cathy Motter	Saint Peter Family	Recovering from March 22 shoulder surgery. Cathy was hospitalized after suffering a broken shoulder and head injury from a fall on March 21. Prayers of comfort and healing.
*Fred Stokes	Father of Bruce Stokes	Recovering from surgery on March 22 to repair a heart issue. He recently had surgery to repair a broken hip. Prayers for healing, comfort and support.
*Robert Petrozzo	Nephew of Diane Graf	Diagnosed with Lyme Disease. Prayers for healing and physical strength for Robert as he combats this ongoing illness.
Margaret "Maggie" Louise Cerra	Granddaughter of Marvin & Candace McNabb	Prayers of joy and thanksgiving at the birth of Maggie on March 14.
Family & friends of Kim Dillon	Friend of Bruce & Sharon Stokes	Completed life's journey after suffering a traumatic brain injury from a fall. Prayers of comfort and support for Kim's family & friends.
Family & friends of Jean Nichols	Friend of Vera Schum & Okerman family	Completed her baptismal journey on March 14. Prayers of comfort for Jean's family and friends.
Michael Pratt	Brother of Mary Pratt	Prayers of thanksgiving for being seizure free for 6 months. Continued prayers for health and support.
Family & friends of Marilyn Brown	Mother of Candace McNabb	Completed her baptismal journey on March 3. Prayers of comfort and support for Marilyn's family.
Robert Meyer	Brother of Walt Meyer	Serious issues with rheumatoid arthritis. Prayers for comfort.
Gary Armentrout	Friend of Lee & Marilyn Diver	Health issues due to Multiple Myeloma. Prayers of comfort and support.
BongWhee Jung	Friend of Allegra Reiber	Diagnosed with kidney disease and awaiting transplant
Stacey Kim Jackson	Friend of Allegra Reiber	Undergoing chemo for early stage breast cancer.
Bernice Arsenault	Friend of Jackie Skiles	Health issues. Prayers of healing, comfort and support.
Ted Eickhoff	Saint Peter Member	Health issues. Prayers of healing, comfort and support.
Sydney	Daughter of Mark and Robyn Glaser's friend	Recovering at home from RSV, pneumonia and strep.
David Maxwell	Friend of Walt & Karyl Meyer	Health issues related to brain cancer. Prayers of healing.
Bill Lippert	Father of Susan Greene	Recovering from surgery and a stroke. Prayers for healing, comfort and support.
Jeanette Orino	Grandmother of Paul Orino	Suffered a stroke. Prayers of healing and comfort.
Jen Rinow & Family	Friends of Eric & Kate Waggoner	Suffering from frontal lobe dementia. Prayers of comfort for Jen and her family.
Judy Hoyer	Mother of Lori Williams	Prayers for comfort and strength during treatment of lymphoma.
Barb Hinchey	Saint Peter Member	Health issues. Prayers for healing, comfort & support.
Declan Fish	2 year old son of Erin & David, friends of Brittany & Adam Hass	Health issues. Prayers of strength, hope and healing.
Carol Butherus	Mother of Pam Prichard	Health issues. Prayers of healing and comfort.
Tom	Brother of Kay Gerhart	Life issues. Prayers of support and hope.
Vera Schum	Mother of Janet Okerman	Health and pain issues from back injury. Prayers of healing and comfort.
Kevin	Cousin of Mary Pratt	Health issues related to brain cancer. Prayers of healing and support.
Rob Reiber	Husband of Allegra Reiber	Health issues. Prayers for strength, comfort & healing.
Scott Johnson	Brother of Pam Haigh	Health issues related to colon cancer. Prayers for healing.
Ross Raleigh	Son of Rob & Kristen Raleigh	Prayers of support for challenges of the disease of addiction.
Dick Rusk	Saint Peter Member	Health issues, prayers for strength, comfort & healing.
Annette Mohrhaus	Mother of Dave Mohrhaus	Health issues related to Parkinson's disease.
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OUR UPCOMING WEEK

MARCH 25 - SUNDAY

8:30 a.m.	Communion Service - (WC)
9:30 a.m.	Education Hour (9:40 adult education)
10:45 a.m.	Communion Service - (WC)
noon	Pastor's Communion Class (WC)
noon.	Easter Egg Hunt

MARCH 27 - TUESDAY

noon	Staff Meeting (FH)
5:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 5280 (FH & CH)
7:15 p.m.	Alleluia Ringers (WC)

MARCH 28 - WEDNESDAY

10:00 a.m.	WINGS Women's Support (HSY room)
11:30 a.m.	Prayers and Conversation
noon	Bible Study (FH)
7:30 p.m.	Jubilate Choir (WC)

MARCH 29 - THURSDAY

6:30 p.m.	WINGS Men's Support Group (YR)
7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship (WC)
8:00 p.m.	Worship Band Rehearsal (WC)

MARCH 22 - FRIDAY

ALL DAY	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
7:00 p.m.	Overeaters Anonymous (CH)
8:00 a.m.	Good Friday Worship (WC)

MARCH 30 - SATURDAY

11:30 a.m.	Al-Anon Meeting (FH)
9:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil (WC)

MARCH 31 - EASTER SUNDAY

8:30 a.m.	Communion Service - (WC)
10:45 a.m.	Communion Service - (WC)

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WORSHIP SERVANTS

THIS WEEK	FIRST SERVICE - 8:30 A.M.	SECOND SERVICE - 10:45 A.M.
Assisting Minister	Andy Nakatani	Terri Mohrhaus
Lector	Dave Williams	Dick Watkins
Acolytes	Open	Open
Worship Coordinator	Andy Nakatani	Lynn Sherpe
Altar Guild	Tom & Karen Shopmier	Ann Remme
Hosts	Mach & Barbian	Roth & Open
Counters	Steve Flessner & Jo Kurowski	Jenny Krämer & Bruce Guthals
Leadership Rep	D.J. Bruen	Brooke Tieperman
NEXT WEEK	FIRST SERVICE - 8:30 A.M.	SECOND SERVICE - 10:45 A.M.
Assisting Minister	Eric Miller	Patrice Von Stroh
Lector	Jo Kurowski	Bruce Guthals
Acolytes	Tom & Karen Shopmier	Open
Worship Coordinator	Susan Greene	Karen Clair
Altar Guild	Jan McGaw	Tabitha Strezo
Hosts	Okerman & Haigh	Davis & Paul
Counters	Linda O'Bryan & Jan McGaw	Lawrence Krämer & Andy Nakatani
Leadership Rep	Annie Heath	Joel Waggoner

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER – MAY

8:30 a.m.	Traditional Communion Service
9:30 a.m.	Youth Education
9:40 a.m.	Adult Education
10:45 a.m.	Contemporary Communion Service

JUNE – AUGUST

8:00 a.m.	Outdoor Communion Service
10:00 a.m.	Indoor Communion Service

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MISSION STATEMENT

We are welcomed into God's love just as we are. We are sent into God's world to be a reflection of Christ's love.

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ... God proves love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
 ROMANS 5:1, 8

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