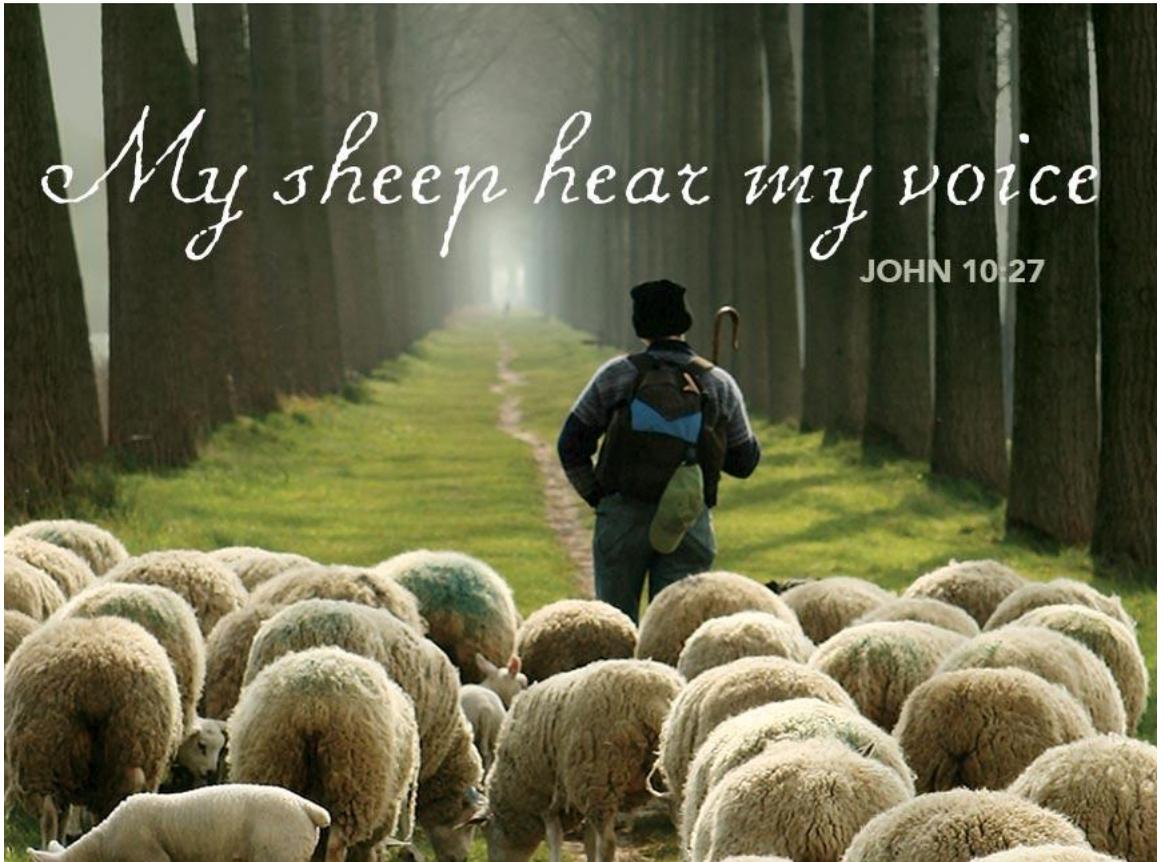


Fourth Sunday of Easter



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 11 & 12, 2019

Holy Communion

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Welcoming all to know and love Jesus.

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Marilyn Tackaberry, pianist
Renee Evans, organist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

EASTER GREETING

GATHERING SONG *In Christ Called to Baptize*

ELW 575

GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-43

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing was well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing

Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 23 (Saturday, read responsively)

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

CHOIR ANTHEM (Sunday) *The Lord Is My Shepherd*

Goodall

Nancy Diebold, violin; Emily Mathews, flute

SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17

Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering, in whose blood the saints have washed their robes and made them white.

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he

said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Sunday)

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GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Children of the Heavenly Father*

ELW 781

PRESENTATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

Shine your light through this and every congregation. Reveal to us the light of your salvation in places of hopelessness and decay. Anoint us and make us overflow with goodness and mercy. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for gentle rains that nourish green pastures and rejuvenate rivers and streams. Provide clean water for thirsty people, animals, and crops. Heal places suffering destruction caused by floods, typhoons, storms, and mudslides. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Empower authorities to be faithful shepherds who lead nations in pathways of righteousness and peace. Disrupt and deter the work of terrorists, religious and political extremists, and all who would choose the way of violence over the way of mercy. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Give strength and perseverance to those who face illness, injury, grief, or fear, especially those on our prayer list, and those we name before you in our hearts. Work through caregivers, especially nurses, to grant healing and comfort to all who are hurting. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Raise up faithful women as witnesses to your strength and compassion. Bless mothers and all who offer mothering care. Comfort those who mourn the loss of their mother, those who have not known their mother, or those who long to be a mother. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Encourage and bless all who teach. Give them clearness of vision and freshness of thought. Guide them in their work so that students would grow in wisdom and be prepared for life's challenges. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Empower all the baptized to listen for your voice and follow the paths on which you guide us. We pray especially for Isabelle, Courtney, Zach, and Abigail as they affirm their baptismal promises. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Salvation belongs to you, O God. You promise to wipe away every tear. Give us the assurance that all who live and die in you will rest forever beside the river of life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

OFFERING *Prelude from “Te Deum”* (Sunday) Charpentier
Emily Mathews, flute

OFFERING PRAYER

DIALOGUE **ELW p. 129**

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Sunday) **ELW p. 130**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG (Sunday) **ELW p. 135**

COMMUNION

SONG AFTER COMMUNION (Sunday) **ELW p. 135**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

SENDING SONG *O Jesus, I Have Promised* **ELW 810**

DISMISSAL

IN NEED OF PRAYER: Dennis Rocker, Mary Forys, Janice Convis, Guy MacIntosh, Sue Kasemeyer, Delores Cook, Vi Dunn, Will Tanner, Clyde Moore, Louis Eisen, Loretta Lukasak, Elizabeth MacDonald, Sharon Ann Wheeler, Adeline Harsch, Pat Greenwood, Patricia Jones, Marc Dease, Stacey Yax, Ruth Morris, Bernie Nummer, Carole Stiefvater, Jeremy Bryan, James Mitchell, Marlene Hand, Connie Felstow, Linda Leist, George Eisen, Alan Freed, Jack & Char Boulier, Dennis Angus, Marlene Eisen. (Please call or email the office at stpeterelca@sbcglobal.net to update information.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome those who are visiting with us. Please take time to sign the registration book or the guest register in the lobby and introduce yourself to Pastor Ken or Pastor Joyce. We hope that you will find our worship edifying and our congregation warm and receptive. We are glad that you are here.

Happy Mother's Day to all moms and to all who nurture friends and family.

Altar flowers today are given in memory of Richard Schlegel by Mary Alice Schlegel in commemoration of Dick's birthday.

This weekend we rejoice with the following youth who have completed Confirmation classes, and will affirm their Baptism through the rite of Confirmation: Isabelle Furtah, Courtney Green, Zachary Mathews, and Abigail Vickers. Congratulations to our youth as they continue their faith journey.

The annual St. Peter's Attic and Bake Sale will be held on May 17th and 18th. The committee will be meeting on May 13 at 9 am to organize items. Baked goods for the bake sale may be brought to the church basement on Thursday, May 16 from 4 – 7 pm.

Baseball game at Jimmy John's Field: Raffle tickets are on sale for the individual that will be throwing the honorary first pitch at the baseball game on May 19. Tickets cost \$1 each or 6 for \$5. All proceeds will support the youth and YES scholarship fund! See Pastor Joyce with any questions!

There will be a special day of recognition for graduates at the 9:30 am service on Sunday, June 2, along with acknowledgement of our Community Education Scholarship recipients for 2019. Congratulations and best wishes to all!

On June 1st, St. Peter will be hosting a Drug Take Back Day from 9 AM - 1 PM. Bring any unused or expired prescriptions to the church and a St. Clair police officer will be here to collect them and dispose of them properly.

On Sunday, June 9 at 9:30 am we will meet at Grieg Park for worship, with music led by the Bluegrass group. Following worship we will have a blessing of bicycles, a bicycle safety lesson from a St. Clair police officer, and a potluck lunch. After lunch we will take a ride to play a game of kickball. Chicken will be provided, but we ask that you bring a dish to pass. Please also bring your own chairs, table service and drinks. Please sign up on the sheet in the lobby to let us know you are coming and what you will be bringing. This promises to be a fun day for all as we kick off the summer. (In case of inclement weather, worship and lunch will be at St. Peter's).

We are looking for players to join our church slow pitch softball league. There will be 8-10 games, a few practices and lots of fun! There is a signup sheet in the lobby.

Do you know someone addicted to opioids or heroin? Or do you want to learn how to save a life? Register for this free training to learn how Naloxone can help prevent an overdose death: May 15, 6:30 - 7:30 PM at St. Peter's. This one hour training will teach you: How to recognize signs of an overdose and how to safely and correctly administer Naloxone. Get a free rescue kit (must be 18 years or older and a resident of Genesee, Lapeer, Sanilac, or St. Clair County). To register call: (810) 987-5300.

The Dementia & Alzheimer's Resource Committee will hold a special event for those living with dementia and their families on Saturday, May 18 at 1 pm at the American Legion in Marysville. The event is free but registration is required: 810-990-9558 or www.darcsc.org. See the bulletin board for details.

The deadline for the June newsletter is May 15.

SERVING SATURDAY: Norene Stoecker, Jacob Furtah

SERVING SUNDAY: Greeter: Katy Emerich; Ushers: Tim Evans & Scott Bell; Acolyte: Case VanSingel; Scripture Reader: Chloe Furtah; Communion Assistant: Larry Keeler; Projectionist: Chloe Furtah; Money Counters: Dick & Theresa Eisen

ATTENDANCE: Saturday 29; Sunday 70

BIRTHDAYS:	5/11	Vera LaMarsh	93 years
	5/14	Guy MacIntosh	93 years
ANNIVERSARIES:	5/15	Lou Wegmeyer	87 years
	5/14	David & Julie Alley	14 years
	5/15	Marilyn & Charles Tackaberry	54 years
	5/15	Dawn & Kevin Lambrecht	21 years

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Attic Angels 9 am	Narcotics training 6:30 pm	Baked goods for Attic sale 4 -7 pm	Attic & Bake Sale 9 am- 4 pm Pastors' day off	Attic & Bake Sale 9 am- 4 pm Evening Worship, Communion 5 pm	Worship, Communion 9:30 am Baseball Game 1 pm