

**ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**Service of Holy Communion**  
**April 27-28, 2024**

**Prelude**

**GATHERING**

Thanksgiving for Baptism  
 Gathering Song #377  
 Greeting  
 Litany for Easter (Sat)  
 Hymn of Praise p. 140-141  
 Prayer of the Day

**WORD**

Children's Message (Sun)  
 First Reading Acts 8:26-40  
 Sr. Choir Anthem (10:30)  
 Psalm (Sat/8:00) Psalm 22:25-31  
 Second Reading 1 John 4:7-21  
 Gospel Acclamation (Sun) p.142  
 Gospel Reading John 15:1-8  
 Sermon  
 Hymn of the Day #447  
 Nicene Creed  
 Prayers of Intercession  
 Peace & Announcements  
 Temple Talk

**MEAL**

Offering Song #481  
 Offering Prayer  
 Great Thanksgiving & Sanctus p. 144  
 Eucharistic Prayer  
 Lord's Prayer  
 Lamb of God, Communion Hymns (Sun)  
 p. 146, #359, #452  
 Table Blessing  
 Prayer after Communion

**SENDING**

Benediction  
 Sending Song #367  
 Dismissal

**Postlude**

**CALENDAR FOR APRIL 28-MAY 5, 2024**

**SUNDAY-April 28- 5th Sunday of Easter**

8:00 am Holy Communion-Sanctuary  
 9:15 am Sunday School-FH  
 10:30 am Holy Communion-Sanctuary  
 11:30 am Homebound/Homecooked Meals-Kit.  
 1:00 pm NA-Rm 104  
 4:00 pm Confirmation-Fellowship Hall

**MONDAY-April 29**

11:30 am Chair Aerobics-Fellowship Hall  
 5:30 pm Liturgical Arts-Sanctuary  
 7:00 pm BSA Troop 208-Barn/Fellowship Hall

**TUESDAY-April 30**

6:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 208-Rm 104 & FH  
 6:15 pm Bell Choir Practice-Rm 206  
 7:30 pm Senior Choir Practice-Balcony

**WEDNESDAY-May 1**

11:30 am Chair Aerobics-Fellowship Hall

**THURSDAY- May 2**

7:00 pm Church Committees-Fellowship H.

**FRIDAY-May 3**

7:00 pm NA-Fellowship Hall

**SATURDAY-May 4-6th Sunday of Easter**

10:00 am Confirmation Practice-Sanctuary  
 5:30 pm Holy Communion-Sanctuary

**SUNDAY-May 5-6th Sunday of Easter**

8:00 am Holy Communion-Sanctuary  
 9:15 am Sunday School-Fellowship Hall  
 10:30 am Rite of Affirmation of Baptism/Holy  
 Communion-Sanctuary  
 1:00 pm NA-Rm 104

**Our Mission:** Making Christ known by loving and serving others  
**Our Vision:** A community where faith is formed and all people are loved,  
cared for, and valued as children of God  
**Our Core Values:** Teaching, Learning, & Sharing Jesus:  
Children, Youth, Families; Quality Worship; Sharing Our Resources

## **THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP NOTES**

### **TODAY'S WORSHIP NOTES**

This weekend is the Fifth Sunday of Easter. The image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us in the image of the vine is shown in the scriptures. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. Holy Communion will be given at all three services. The 10:30 service is broadcast on WLKR and Facebook.

### **TODAY'S BULLETIN**

Today's bulletin is available on the St. Peter webpage ([stpeter-elca.org](http://stpeter-elca.org)). Click on Worship at the top, then Scriptures, then the bulletin and script dates.

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Today we pray for Luther Oaks, Genacross Lutheran Services, and their CEO Rick Marshall.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

This week's altar flowers are given by Virginia Leimeister in honor of Tony's birthday on April 25. The 2024 flower calendar is on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please sign up on the date you would like and designate the occasion. The price is \$40.00. Flowers may be picked up before noon on Sundays or on Monday during office hours.

### **ALTAR GUILD**

This month's Altar Guild servants are Shirley Silcox and Cindy Thayer.

## **UPCOMING WORSHIP**

### **NEXT WEEKEND**

Next weekend is the Sixth Sunday of Easter. We will have The Rite of Affirmation of Baptism with our confirmands at the 10:30 service. Holy Communion will be given at all three services. The 10:30 service is broadcast on WLKR and Facebook.

## **CHURCH NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **PASTORAL VISITS**

If you are hospitalized or ill and want the pastor to visit you, please call her mobile phone at 419-602-9405.

### **YOUTH CHICKEN BBQ**

Mark your calendar for the annual chicken BBQ on May 19. Tickets are on sale for \$15. If you'd like to help by donating food items, see the display in the narthex.

### **CONFIRMATION PRACTICE**

Practice for Confirmation is planned for Saturday, May 4, at 10:00 am in the sanctuary.

## **CONFIRMATION**

On May 5, at the 10:30 service, four of our younger members will confirm their faith in the Rite of Affirmation of Baptism. Hudson Bauer, Viola Culler, Abecka Ruggles, and Addison Yetter will share their testimonies and affirm their desire to continue as disciples of Jesus Christ. Congrats!

## **CONFIRMATION TEACHER**

With Pastor Ann's impending retirement, we will need to find someone to take over the confirmation class in the fall. The pastor has curriculum, templates, PowerPoints, videos, and other materials that can be re-used. If you are interested or have questions, contact pastor.

## **YOUTH GRANTMAKING COUNCIL CAR WASH**

Come and support the Youth Grantmaking Council by having your car washed on Saturday, May 18, from 11-3:00 pm. Cost is by donation.

## **CELEBRATE THE SAVIOR AT VBS**

This year, Vacation Bible School week is July 8-12 from 9 am-12 pm. Our theme is "Celebrate the Savior." We will learn about Jesus' unending love and forgiveness. Ages 4 (with preschool experience) through 6th grade are welcome. Registration will open May 19. We hope to see you there! We are always looking for any amount of help during this fun week. Keep your eyes open for the sign-up board in the narthex. If you have questions, please contact the office.

## **YEAR OF REST**

Bishop Beaudoin (Bishop of the Northwestern Ohio Synod) has designated 2024 as the Year of Rest. You can find more information on the synod's website: [nwos-elca.org/year-of-rest](http://nwos-elca.org/year-of-rest), including a daily calendar with suggested practices for rest. Copies of the May Calendar of Rest are on the table near the church entrance.

## **BIBLE STUDIES**

The Women's Daytime Bible Study meets next on Thursday, May 9, at 9:30 am in Room 206. They are studying the women of the Bible. All women are welcome!

The Men's Bible Study meets this coming Saturday, May 11, at 8:00 am in the narthex. They are studying the book of Acts. All men are welcome!

The Women's Evening Bible Study meets next on Thursday, May 23, at 6:30 pm. More information to follow. They are studying the book of Psalms. All women are welcome!

## **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

The First Presbyterian Church of Norwalk will commemorate the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 2. Breakfast is at 6:30 am followed by a 7:00 am program. This year's speaker is John Soisson. His speech is titled: "The Impact of Prayer on His Faith Journey."

## **CHRISTIAN DAY NURSERY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2024-2025**

It is time to enroll your preschoolers for next year. Registration forms are located on the table next to the office.

## CHAIR AEROBICS on MONDAY & WEDNESDAY

The free chair aerobics class will meet at 11:30 am only on Monday, April 29, and Wednesday, May 1, @ 11:30 am. The classes last about 45 minutes; all are welcome!

## OUTREACH

### FUND FOR NEW MISSION PROJECTS

See a need/outreach opportunity in your neighborhood? Consider applying for a Fund for New Mission Project grant. One can apply for up to \$100 for a one-time mission and \$250 to start a new outreach ministry/program. Remember—the goal is for one to be directly involved in the mission work. Forms are on the table in the narthex.

### MAY NOISY BUCKET MONTH

In May we will be having a noisy (and quiet) bucket collection for Camp Patmos. All proceeds will be donated to the Piggyback Foundation to sponsor campers who have a family member that is terminally ill.

### REPORT FOR MONTH-END-Year to Date

#### Report March 2024

Total Income for Budgeted Expenses	\$94,176.91
Total Expenses for Budgeted Expenses	\$88,334.65
Income <b>above</b> Expenses	\$ 5,842.26

Our income in March was not as good as our first two months, but it should be noted that your giving for Easter weekend will be reported as part of April. Our income figures are based upon the actual date of bank deposit. Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter was deposited by the bank on Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Appreciatively, our giving is still greater than our expenses by \$5,842.26.

### ATTENDANCE FOR LAST WEEK

34 (Sat), 53 (8:00), 174 (10:30) with 145 views on Facebook.

***Newsletter articles are due by 9 am on Wednesdays. Please contact the office to schedule any activities.***

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### Worship Schedule

Saturday 5:30 pm  
Sunday 8:00 am

10:30 am  
Sunday School 9:15 am

September—May  
*The 10:30 am service is broadcast on WLKR 95.3 & on Facebook*