



Service of Holy Communion
Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 13, 2025
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Building a community of faith by God's grace

Welcome to St. Peter's, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We are glad you're here! Please fill out the worship record sheet in the black book located at the end of the pew.

Materials for worship are found in this bulletin or in the red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* book. Page numbers, such as "p.172," refer to the small page numbers in the front of the book. "No." refers to hymn numbers in the latter part of the book. **Please see the ushers for large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices.**

Offerings are collected by passing the plates during worship, and immediately transported to the drop box safe. You can also give electronically at www.stpeterslutheran.org/give.

Communion is celebrated at 8:00 a.m. on 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, at 10:30 a.m. services on 2nd and 4th Sundays, and both services on 5th and festival Sundays. Holy Communion is also celebrated on all Sundays in the Easter season. At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. Believing in the real presence of Christ, St. Peter's practices eucharistic hospitality, meaning all baptized persons, regardless of age, are welcome to commune here. **Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available upon request.**

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+ GATHERING +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcome/Announcements

Please stand.

*The congregation gathers in the narthex with a palm and bulletin in hand.
(Those unable to process may be seated in the Sanctuary)*

GREETINGS AND BLESSINGS OF PALMS

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest.

P: Let us pray. *(There is a time of silence)*

Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting: through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: Let us pray. We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us go forth in peace,

C: In the name of Christ. Amen.

The congregation processes into the Sanctuary following the ministers and remains standing at their seats.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re-deem-er, king,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



- 1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
- 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
- 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

APOSTOLIC GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest.

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. *(There is a time for silence)*

Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The congregation is seated.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Hanus

+ WORD +

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

L: A reading from Isaiah.

L: ⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading:

Philippians 2:5-11

L: A reading from Philippians.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled

himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

The congregation stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

GOspel ACCLAMATION



Gospel Reading

Luke 19: 28-40

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the nineteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ²⁸ After he had said this, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴ They said, “The Lord needs it.” ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!” ³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” ⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation is seated for the Sermon.

Sermon

Pastor Hanus

The congregation stands for the Hymn of the Day.

Hymn of the Day

When His Salvation Bringing (TOURS)

1. When his sal - va - tion bring - ing, to Zi - on Je - sus came,
2. And since the Lord re - tain - eth his love for chil - dren still,
3. For should we fail pro - claim - ing our great Re - deem - er's praise,

the chil - dren all stood sing - ing ho - san - na to his name:
though now as King he reign - eth on Zi - on's heav'n - ly hill,
the stones, our si - lence sham - ing, would their ho - san - nas raise.

nor did their zeal of - fend him, but as he rode a - long,
we'll flock a - round his ban - ner who sits up - on his throne,
But shall we on - ly ren - der the trib - ute of our words?

he let them still at - tend him, and smiled to hear their song.
and cry a - loud, "Ho - san - na to Da - vid's roy - al Son!"
No, while our hearts are ten - der, they too shall be the Lord's.

Apostles' Creed

L: Let us profess our faith together.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

L: Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Each petition closes with:

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

L: Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

C: Amen.

Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Please remain in place to share the peace.

Please sit.

+ THANKSGIVING+

We give thanks for the saving word and all the gifts of God.

Offerings

Offertory

8:00 a.m.

The Holy City

10:30 a.m.

Ain't No Rock Gonna Shout for Me

Herald Choir

Please stand.

Offerings can be made online by going to stpeterslutheran.org/give. Members, include your envelope number as your member ID. Visitors, no need for a member ID.

Please use this time to contemplate how you will give of yourself this week in service to your community. Please fill out the worship record sheet in the black book located at the end of the pew.

Setting the Table

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer

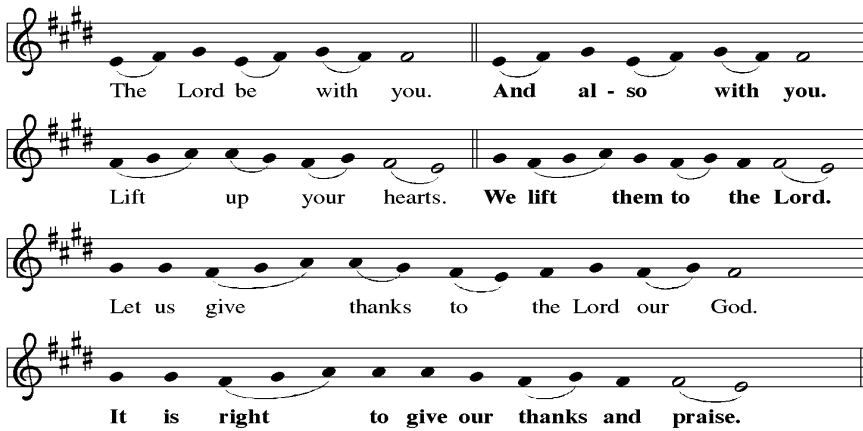
P: Let us pray together.

C: Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

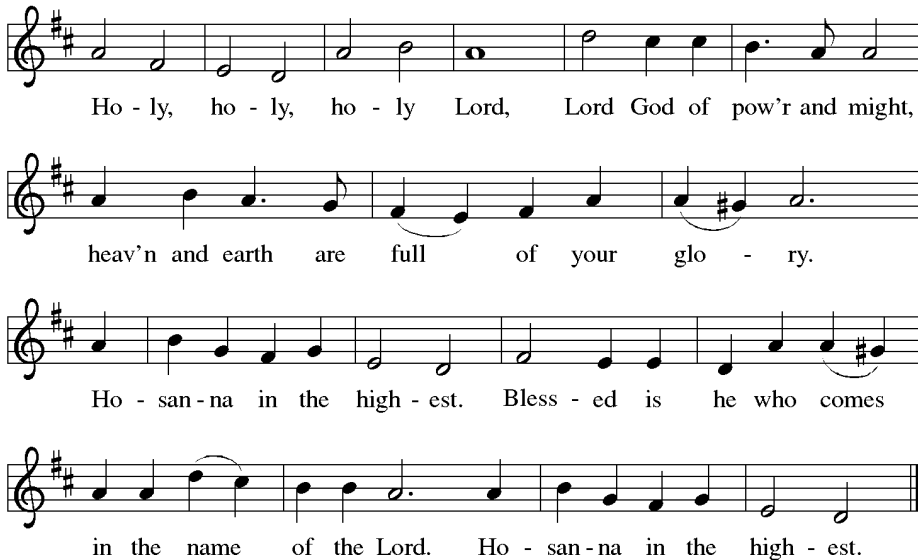
+ MEAL +

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Great Thanksgiving



P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: “Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Lord’s Prayer

P: We pray together.

C: 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.

Invitation to Communion

L: All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread. All are welcome.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please sit.

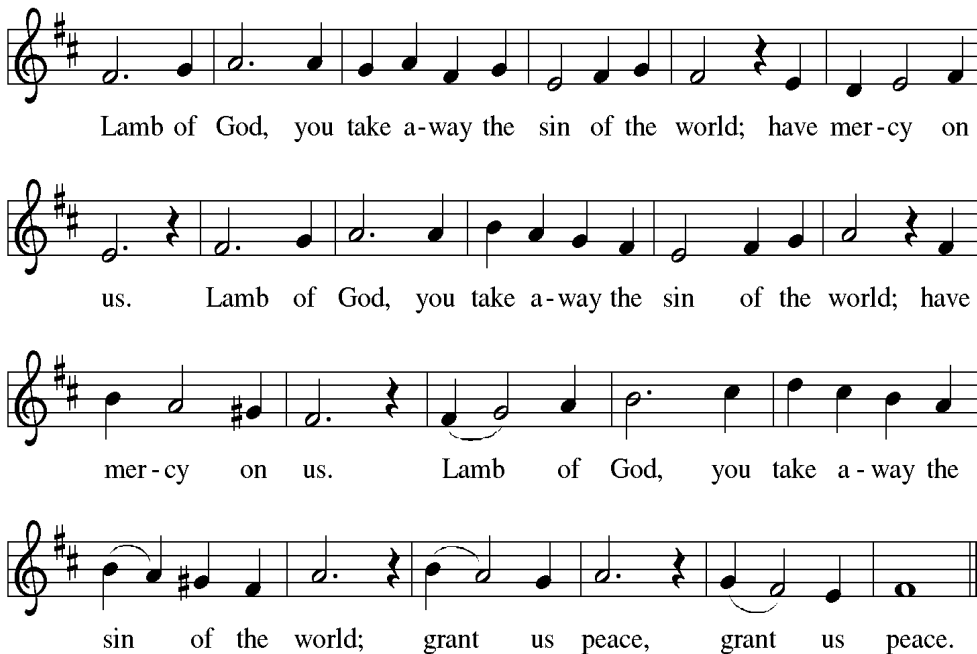
Communion

All are invited to come forward at the direction of the ushers, take a cup from the trays, and proceed to the altar to receive bread and wine or a blessing. Please return to your seats via the outside aisles. If you desire to receive communion, but are not able to come forward, please alert the ushers.

Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available upon request.

Music during communion as time allows.

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymns

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound (NEW BRITAIN), No.779
Come To Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty (BEACH SPRING), No.777

Please stand.

Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Prayer after Communion

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

+ SENDING +

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

What's Happening at St. Peter's

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn Ride On, Ride On in Majesty! (THE KING'S MAJESTY), No. 346

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C: We will. Thanks be to God.

Postlude: The Palms (Fauré)

Please exit in silence

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS AT 8:00 a.m.

- Lector:** Ginny Stickler
- Greeters:** Randy and Susan Ketchum
- Ushers:** Corrie, Maggie and Ava Stream
- Welcome Center:** Phyllis Hollinger
- Acolytes:** Stream Family
- A/V:** Angela Moshos
- Communion Assistants:** Eric May, Bill Sassaman

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS AT 10:30 a.m.

- Lector:** Lois Miklas
- Greeter:** Scott Glassford
- Ushers:** Alan and Beverly Swanson
- Welcome Center:** Mark and Darla Cardin
- A/V:** Dave Tilley
- Communion Assistants:** Jane Musser, Jeff Pretz
- Altar Guild Coord:** Debbie Shue
- Altar Guild:** Beverly Swanson

CALENDAR

HOLY WEEK

Sunday (4/13)



- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship, Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary) Pastor Hanus preaches
- 9:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Breakfast (Café)
- 10:00 a.m. Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)
- 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship, Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary & Livestream) Pastor Hanus preaches

Monday (4/14)

- 10:00 a.m. Quilters (Augsburg Alley)
- 6:00 p.m. Exsultate Ringers (Sanctuary) (Choir Room)
- 7:00 p.m. St. Peter's Ringers (Sanctuary) (Choir Room)

Wednesday (4/16)

- 1:00 p.m. Community Prep Meal (Kitchen)
- 7:00 p.m. Herald Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) (Choir Room)

Thursday (4/17)

Maundy Thursday

- 11:00 a.m. Sages Service (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 p.m. Sages Luncheon (Narthex)
- 4:15 p.m. Youth Choir (Sanctuary) (Choir Room)
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Lock in (Café) (FLC)
- 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary)

Friday (4/18)

Church Office Closes at 12 noon

- 7:00 p.m. Good Friday, Tenebrae Service (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 p.m. WOLD Good Friday Service (Chapel)

Saturday (4/19)

- 9:00 a.m. Easter Music & Processional Rehearsal (Sanctuary) (Choir Room)

Sunday (4/20)



- 6:45 a.m. Sunrise Worship, Service of Holy Communion (Parking Lot) Pastor Linda Hanus preaches
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Easter Worship, Service of Holy Communion with Festival Music (Sanctuary & Livestream) Pastor Linda Hanus preaches
- 10:00 a.m. Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)
- 10:45 a.m. Traditional Easter Worship, Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary) Pastor Linda Hanus preaches

OUR MISSION

Building a community of faith by God's grace

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

John 15:12

OUR VISION

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church will show our love for God,
our love for neighbors, and our desire to make disciples.

Because we love God, we will:

- Worship and pray together.
- Help each other develop a meaningful relationship with God.
- Model our faith to children, youth, and others.

Because we love our neighbor, we will:

- Serve one another, especially the unseen and underserved within our congregation.
- Support those in need in our Lancaster community and in the world through our ties with the Lower Susquehanna Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.
- Love others boldly in a diverse and changing world, deepening relationships with our neighbors.

Because we desire to make disciples, we will:

- Seek to teach God's love through adult education, programs for children and youth, and our preschool.
- Offer small groups that connect God's Word to our everyday lives and create communities of faith.
- Share the good news in creative and authentic ways with the St. Peter's family and with neighbors in our community.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BULLETINS, COMMUNION WINE AND BREAD are given to the Glory of God.

DEATH IN THE PARISH FAMILY Fred Husson entered the church Triumphant on April 7. Service will be held on Wednesday, April 16 at 10:00 a.m. at Snyder Funeral Home, Lititz. Fred was a longtime member of St. Peter's and he and his late wife Mary were pillars of our community. Please keep Fred's family in your prayers.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES: PALM SUNDAY: April 13, 8:00 and 10:30 a.m., Holy Communion at both services. **MAUNDY THURSDAY** - April 17, 11:00 a.m. Sages service and 7:00 p.m. service, both with Holy Communion. **GOOD FRIDAY** - April 18, 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae service in the Sanctuary.

BIBLE STUDY: No Bible Study on Wednesday, April 16. Pastor Russ Rockwell will resume Bible Study on Wednesday, April 23, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Café. Topic: Worship. Old friends, new friends—all are welcome to join us!

PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST: The Pub Theology group (with the support of Fellowship) will host a Palm Sunday breakfast this morning, between services. Please join us in fellowship as we mark the beginning of Holy Week. Our Pub Theology members are excited to host this event! Gluten-free and vegetarian options will be available.

SAGES MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE: Sages, mark your calendar for April 17 to join us for worship and lunch beginning at 11:00 a.m. A Sage is any member 80 and over. If you haven't received your invitation in the mail, please contact the church office at 717-569-9211, we may not have your age for sage mailings in our Shepherd Staff system. We ask for lunch reservations by April 14; please sign up on the Parish Life bulletin board outside the nursery, call the office or Christine Smith at 717-299-0949. We hope to see you on April 17—friends or family members are welcome to come along!

EASTER SUNDAY: Next Sunday, April 20, 6:45 a.m. sunrise service in the church parking lot. 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. traditional services with festival music in the Sanctuary. All with Holy Communion, 9:00 a.m. livestream.

CHURCH ENVELOPES: Please make sure to pick up your envelopes in the Narthex. The last day to pick up your envelopes will be next Sunday.

EASTER FLOWER PICKUP HOURS: On Easter Sunday, the main church doors will remain open until 2:00 p.m. On Monday, April 21 the church doors will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The church office will resume normal hours on Tuesday, April 22—you are welcome to stop by throughout the week to pick up your Easter flowers.

OFFICE CLOSURE NOTICE: Please be advised that the office will be open on Good Friday from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 21, in observance of the holiday. We will resume regular business hours on Tuesday, April 22. Wishing you a joyful and restful holiday!

DIETRICH BONHOEFFER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: We will be resuming on 4/27, 5/4, and 5/11.

CALL FOR LIVE STREAM VOLUNTEERS: If you are willing to learn to use our live-streaming software, we would greatly appreciate your help. Even a small commitment of time (once a month?) can make a significant difference. If you are interested in volunteering or would like to learn more, please contact Jordan Lambert islamvt@gmail.com or speak with them after the service.

DRIVERS NEEDED: Maundy Thursday Sages Service. Are you free this Thursday, April 17 to give a Sage a ride to church? Pick up around 10:30 a.m. and return around 1:00 p.m. Contact Christine Smith at 717-299-0949 or cjsmith1984@gmail.com. Thanks for considering helping.

EASTER PLANT DELIVERERS: Seeking 8-10 volunteers to help deliver Easter plants to St. Peter's homebound members on Easter Sunday or in the days to follow. It's a very rewarding experience, especially as a family event. For more information or to sign up, contact Christine Smith at 717-299-0949 or cjsmith1984@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERS: Are needed to help teach grades 5-8 Sunday School. All materials are prepared in advance. Please consider volunteering to help support this important ministry - even one hour a month makes a huge difference! You can sign up to help using this QR code.



RIVER'S PLACE ITEMS NEEDED: The following items are needed for River's Place and MTSD Care Closet: toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrushes, body wash/soap, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, hair brushes/combs, feminine products, cleaning supplies, sponges, laundry detergent, trash bags, dish detergent, paper towels, napkins. You can place these items in the large labeled bin right next to the box for shoes in the Narthex. These items are not to be placed in the clothing bank drop-off.

RIVER'S PLACE CLOTHING BANK: Donating is an easy way to support our clothing bank, River's Place. We clothe over a hundred children monthly and could use your help restocking the racks! (sizes K through 12) Click on the QR code to register. Thank you!



TMC SUB SALE RESULTS: There were 388 sub coupons sold in the month of March. After costs, we collected \$1,164 plus \$468 in donations for our companion congregation Busoka Lutheran Church. Thank you to all who bought coupons to support this cause. They can be used through the end of the year at any S. Clyde Weaver store. Please enjoy these delicious sandwiches. -Tanzania Mission Committee

CHILDREN'S PUPPETS: You may know that Pastor Craig Ross used puppets from time to time for children's services. Before he retired, Pastor Craig chose some favorites to take along and wanted the remainder to go to children at St. Peter's who would enjoy them. If your family would like a puppet or two, please help yourself; they are in totes in the Narthex.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS: We are excited to announce that St. Peter's new members class will be held on Sunday, June 1. The time is TBD; we are awaiting a decision regarding the time(s) of summer worship. Folks will be received into membership on Sunday, June 8, which is Pentecost Sunday. Again, we will await the decision regarding the summer worship schedule to determine whether there will be one service or two for new members to attend and be received.

PUB THEOLOGY: Will be in Shirley Dombach's barn on Wednesday, April 23, at 6:30 p.m. We will supply the main dish, please bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert to share, as well as your beverage of choice. Please contact Lynn Fyfe at 717- 951-3932 or lynnfyfe@comcast.net with questions.