

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 2, 2021

**“LORD, TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?
YOU HAVE THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE.”**

John 6:68

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WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH! We are happy you have chosen to worship the Lord with us this day. We pray this worship hour is a blessing for you and invite you to please come again soon.

Divine Service Setting One with Communion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN

LSB # 525

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

SERVICE OF THE WORD

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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INTROIT

P: A little while, and you will see Me no longer;

C: And again, a little while, and you will see Me.

P: I will extol You, my God and King,

C: And bless Your name forever and ever.

P: Every day I will bless You

C: And praise Your name forever and ever.

P: The Lord is gracious and merciful,

C: Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

P: All Your works shall give thanks to You, O Lord,

C: And all Your saints shall bless you!

P: My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,

C: And let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: A little while, and you will see Me no longer;

C: And again, a little while, and you will see Me.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

P: Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” So, Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep He was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so He opens not His mouth. In His humiliation justice was denied Him. Who can describe His generation? For His life is taken away from the earth.” And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized

him. And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through, he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

P: Christ has risen from the dead.

C: God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.

P: He has made Him ruler over the works of His hand;

C: He has put everything under His feet.

SECOND READING

1 John 4:1–21

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore, they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and His love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So, we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as He is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because He first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from Him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE

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HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:1–8

[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit He takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples."

SERMON HYMN

LSB # 725

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

Bible Verse for the Week:

1 John 3:18

*Dear children, let us not love with words or speech
but with actions and in truth.*

SERMON How Much Do You Want to Be Pruned? John 15:1-8

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PRAYERS of the CHURCH

P: Lord, in Your mercy, **C:** Hear our prayer.

PRAYER FOR CALL COMMITTEE

PRAYER FOR CALLING OF A PASTOR

(Congregation will join in this prayer)

O Gracious Father, You led Your holy apostles to ordain ministers for the proclamation of Your Word and the faithful administration of the sacraments of Christ. Grant to this congregation the guidance of the Holy Spirit to choose a suitable pastor according to Your will for the blessing of Your Church in this place, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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BENEDICITION

CLOSING HYMN

LSB # 707

“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

IN OUR PRAYERS

The family of Glenna Wulf, as she went home to the Lord this week.
Lenyx Barriger and family

Eileen and Ellery Robertson, Shirley Ruyle, Debbie Long Stewart, Betty Stoll, Jean Frederick, Karen Bruenger, Norma Moore, and Doris White, Lenyx Barriger, Glodine Clements, Ron Clements, Joan Colvin, Judy Daniels, Doris Fugitt, Neil Hartwig, Caleb Henrichs, Bob Krone, Adam Kucera, Kathy Kucera, Norma Moore, Susan Owens, Linda Rather. Also military members: Sgt. Kelsey Kubler, and Pvt. Nicklous Shultz, MSgt. Kevin Beeman, Lt. Aaron Hoffman.

HOLY COMMUNION STATEMENT

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an usher. If you are not a member and wish to receive a blessing at the altar, please come forward and cross your arms so that Pastor will know.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEE COVID-19 INFORMATION POSTED AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE NARTHEX.

Masks Encouraged: In compliance with the governor's orders we are encouraging all members to wear masks to worship.

Humboldt Community Food Pantry

The Humboldt Food Pantry can now begin to accept food donations. The Pantry can NOT accept clothing/household items/ toys, etc.

The Pantry is need of canned vegetable soup and pancake mix.

The Pantry continues to encourage monetary donations, to help offset the increased expenses, due to the coronavirus pandemic situation.

Monetary donations may be mailed to the Humboldt Ministerial Alliance, C/O 204 North 7th Street, Humboldt KS. 66748.

The Humboldt Food Pantry, 718 Bridge Street, is OPEN EVERY TUESDAY from 5-6 PM.

THE FEEDING AMERICA PROGRAM (Wal Mart Donations) distributes food on the SECOND and FOURTH MONDAYS of the month from 10-11AM at the Humboldt Senior Center/Pantry, 718 Bridge Street. This is a "first come/first served" type distribution with no guarantee that there will be any food boxes left by 11AM.

ANYONE who lives in the USD # 258 district, who is experiencing food insecurity, is encouraged to come to the Food Pantry and to the Feeding America Programs.

You may help support the Humboldt Food Pantry by taking your gently used clothing/household items and furniture to "Everything Fitz" and designate the sales to the Humboldt Food Pantry.

2021 Communion preparation list is on the table in the Narthex, there is an option to sign up for the entire month or a specific week or weeks.

Please start contacting Carman for all prayer request, announcement, or scheduling for the calendar. The church email is office@stpetershumboldt.org.

We are short on keys. We are requesting that if you have a key and you are not on a committee, Sunday school teacher or an officer we are asking you to turn your key into the office.

The list is being update so if you are one of the above people, please let Carman know what your key number is.

Adult Information Class is ready to begin. If you are interested, please speak with Pastor so a time and date can be set up just for you. This can even be held following service on Sunday morning. This class is a wonderful review for all members and very informative for newcomers. It may be taken as an information class without requirement of membership at the end. Or If you wish to become an adult member, it can end in membership.

**New Address: Norma Moore % Pioneer Ridge
4851 Harvard Rd Rm 125
Lawrence, KS 66049**

Attendance & Offering Reports:

<u>April 18 Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>
Church 69 + 0 visitors	\$3061.00
Online 0	Sunday School 37

March	2021	2020
Revenue	42,112	\$ 35,467
Disbursements	40,876	\$ 40,019
Revenue less Disb	1,236	\$ (4,552)
Budget	43,735	\$ 43,736
Heiney Mission	790	\$ 430
Thrivent Choice	791	\$ 80

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES:

May 2 – May 9

TODAY 8:30 AM Sunday School
9:30 AM Communion

WED 5:00 PM Midweek Meal
6:00 PM Midweek
7:30 PM Elder's Meeting

THUR 9:00 AM Mission of Love
5:00 PM Men's and Women's Bible Study

SUN **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**
8:30 AM Sunday School
9:30 AM Communion

***Special Birthday or Anniversary**



Anniversaries



6 Andrew Munro 6 Martin Munro 8 Breckyn Gean
4 Frank & Janice Schomaker- 59*
1 Sue Adams 7 David Avery

In Our Prayers:

Missionaries in:

Guinea, West Africa

Tim & Beth Heiney Family

Indonesia

Rev. Matthew & Kali Wood Family

Belize Mission Society

Family Members in the

Military:

MSgt. Kevin Beeman

Sgt. Kelsey Kubler

Pvt Nicklous Shultz

Members in Care Homes

Arrowood: Jean Frederick

Tri-Valley: Karen Bruenger *Heritage*

Health: Eileen Robertsn, Ellery Robertson:

Lawrence-Norma Moore

Olathe- Doris Wilhite

Prayer Request cards are in each pew and the narthex. If you would like prayer during the service, please fill out a card, and give it to Pastor or an usher prior to service. After approximately 6 weeks, names will be taken off the general request list, unless the office is notified that they need to be remain on. Please inform the church office (473-2343) when there are changes in the prayer requests that you have made on behalf of loved ones or yourself. Thank you!

Why do you look for the living among the dead?



He is not here,
but has risen.

Luke 24:5