

Missions Vespers Service

19 October A+D 2025



St. Peter's Coat of Arms includes the Office of the Keys and an upside down cross as tradition holds St. Peter was crucified upside down.

**St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church U. A. C.
& Rainbow Preschool**
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We are a member congregation of
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH — MISSOURI SYNOD

Opening Hymn: 895 Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voice - es,
 2 Oh, may this boun-teous God Through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,



Who won-drous things has done, In whom His world re - joic - es;
 With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us
 The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high - est heav - en,



Who from our moth - ers' arms Has blest us on our way
 And keep us in His grace And guide us when per - plexed
 The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



With count - less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.
 And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
 For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

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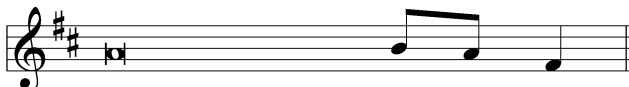
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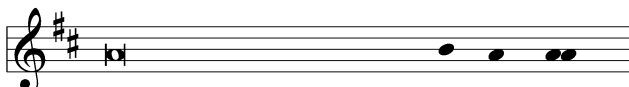
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L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



Psalms 96 (KJV)



- ¹O sing unto the LORD a | new song: *
sing unto the LORD, | all the earth!
- ²**Sing unto the LORD, | bless His name; ***
shew forth His salvation from | day to day.
- ³Declare His glory among the | heathen, *
His wonders among all | people.
- ⁴**For the LORD is great, and greatly | to be praised: ***
He is to be feared a- | bove all gods.
- ⁵For all the gods of the nations are | idols: *
but the LORD made the | heavens.
- ⁶**Honour and majesty are be- | fore Him; ***
strength and beauty are in His sanctu- | ary.
- ⁷Give unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the | people, *
give unto the LORD glo- | ry and strength.
- ⁸**Give unto the LORD the glory | due His name: ***
bring an offering, and come in- | to His courts!
- ⁹O worship the LORD in the beauty of | holiness: *
fear before Him, | all the earth.
- ¹⁰**Say among the heathen that the LORD reigneth:**
the world also is established that it shall | not be moved; *
He shall judge the people | rightly."
- ¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the | earth be glad; *
let the sea roar, and the ful- | ness thereof.
- ¹²**Let the field be joyful, and all that | is therein: ***

then shall all the trees of the | wood rejoice.

¹³Before the LORD: for He cometh, for He cometh to | judge the earth:*

He shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people | with His truth.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the | Holy Ghost;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

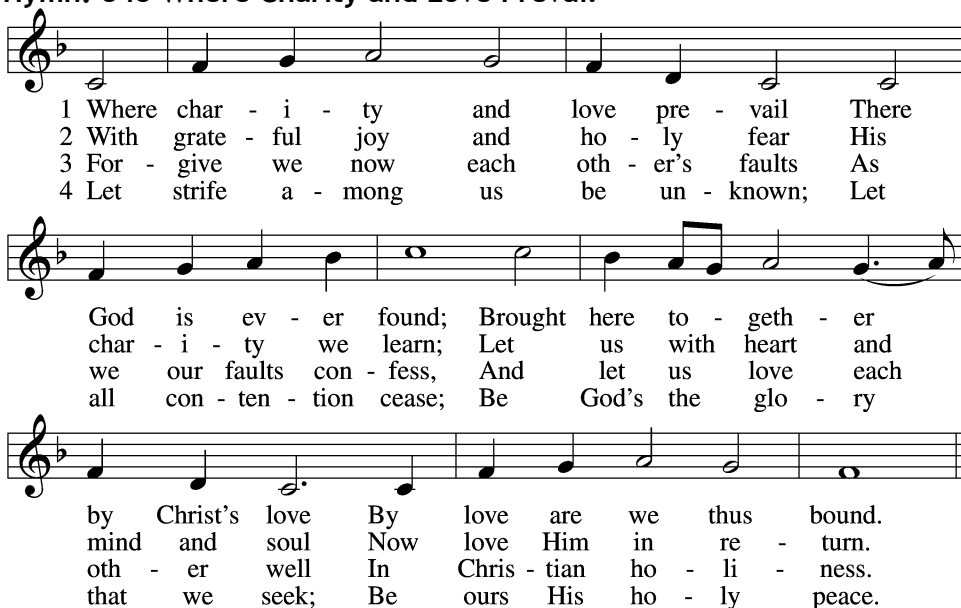
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. | Amen.

¹O sing unto the LORD a | new song:*

sing unto the LORD, | all the earth!

Sit

Office Hymn: 845 Where Charity and Love Prevail



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail There
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear His
3 For - give we now each oth - er's faults As
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; Let

God is ev - er found; Brought here to - geth - er
char - i - ty we learn; Let us with heart and
we our faults con - fess; And let us love each
all con - ten - tion cease; Be God's the glo - ry

by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.
mind and soul Now love Him in re - turn.
oth - er well In Chris - tian ho - li - ness.
that we seek; Be ours His ho - ly peace.

5 Let us recall that in our midst
Dwells Christ, His only Son;
As members of His body joined
We are in Him made one.

6 For love excludes no race or clan
That names the Savior's name;
His family embraces all
Whose Father is the same.

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Scripture Lessons

First Lesson

Romans 10:11–17

L A reading from Romans, chapter 10.

¹¹ For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. ¹³ For “whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” ¹⁴ How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? ¹⁵ And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!” ¹⁶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our report?” ¹⁷ So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson

Luke 24:44–53

L A reading from Luke, chapter 24.

⁴⁴ Then He said to them, “These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.” ⁴⁵ And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ Then He said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ And you are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.” ⁵⁰ And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory

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Verse *To Refrain*

L 1 Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.
2 Unite my heart to fear Your name that I may walk in Your truth.
3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Refrain

Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Sermon

Canticle

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Stand

L Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,

C and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Magnificat

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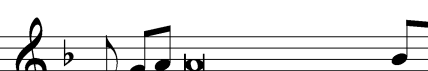
C My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Sav-ior;



I for He has re-gard - ed the lowliness of His hand-maid - en.



II For be-hold, from this day all generations will call me bless - ed.



I For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;



II and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to gen - er - a - tion.



I He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the



imagination of their hearts. II He has cast down the



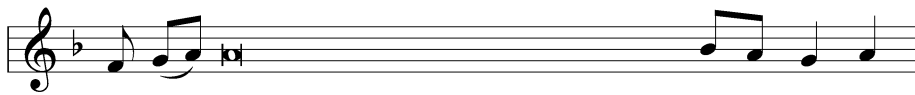
might-y from their thrones and has ex - alt - ed the low - ly.



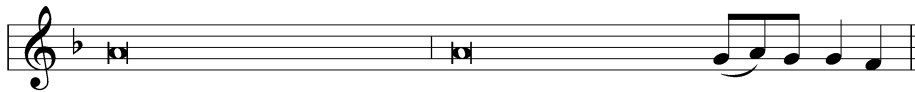
I He has filled the hun - gry with good things,



and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.



II He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mer - cy



as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for-ev-er.



I Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir-it;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev - er. A-men.

Prayer

Kyrie

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C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Collects



P The Lord be with you.



C And with your spir - it.

Collect of the Day

P Almighty God, in Your kindness You cause the light of the Gospel to shine among us. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, help us to share the good news of Your salvation that all who hear it may rejoice in the gift of Your unending love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Collect for Missions at Home

L O Thou great God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who dost not desire the death of the transgressor but that sinners should turn from their evil way and live, we humbly ask Thee to think in mercy and love of the many unchurched people in this fair land of ours, especially of all who have not learned the way of salvation, and to lead them to a knowledge of the truth. Grant that messengers may reach them who will bring them the sweet tidings of Thy redeeming grace. Let them become readers of the Holy Scriptures so that they may search the Word and in it find eternal life. And since there are many servants of Thine engaged in the holy work of taking the message of forgiveness to these our fellow-citizens that are still outside the gate, we commend them to Thy heavenly protection and ask Thee to make their word strong and effective, producing faith, hope, and love. Gather many that are lost into the fold of the Good Shepherd. We ask this in the name of our blessed Redeemer, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Collect for Peace

L O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benedicamus

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[L] Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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P The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spirit - it be with you all.



Hymn to Depart: 805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all

crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly

host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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Exerpt from our 160th anniversary in A+D 2024:

“Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it” (Ps 127:1a)

It’s hard to believe it’s already been a decade since we celebrated the 150th Anniversary of our church. Some things have changed inside and out; and yet, much has stayed the same. Christ is still King.

160 years is a long time. Especially to us, because it is longer than any of our earthly lives will be. St. Peter’s is only 17 years younger than our beloved Synod! But, we must also remember that in the grand scheme of things 160 years is really a short time. Our Church is much older than 160 years. It is much older than 177 years. It is much older than 507 years, when the Reformation began. And—if you include the faithful before the incarnation of Christ, as God’s Hebrew people who believed in the coming Messiah (Christ) were His church—our church is more than 2000 years old.

The Church has existed long before any of us were alive and the Church will continue to exist after our earthly bodies begin returning to dust (unless of course Jesus comes back before then. Come Lord Jesus!) St. Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession of Waterford, Racine County, Wisconsin has been God’s instrument in bringing Jesus to people through the Word and Sacraments for a long time before we were born and she will continue to do so after Christ calls us home. Consider the fact that over 2,300 people have been adopted into the family of God through the waters of Holy Baptism at our church.

Certainly our church has seen changes. Switching from German to English was no small thing. Moving from one building to the next is also not easy. She has had 12 different pastors serve her as her bridegroom’s undershepherds, distributing the Means of Grace. God called these men to teach, preach, and administer the sacraments. Three of them are buried at our cemetery awaiting the day of resurrection.

Yes, she has seen her share of changes and she will continue to see them. But, it is important to know where you came from, to know where you are going. We are to let Christ be our leader. Because His love and grace are unchanging.

By grace this individual congregation has existed for 160 years. And only by grace, will she continue existing. But, whether the building stands or falls, Christ’s Church exists. St. Paul tells us, “Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit” (Ephesians 2:19-22).

As God is eternal so shall our worship be. When we are called out of this life we shall join the church in heaven around the throne of the Lamb. May this be granted to us for Christ’s sake. Amen.

Thank you for worshipping with us today.
St. Peter's has been a part of the Waterford community since A+D 1864.
Join us for Divine Service Sundays at 9:30am and Wednesdays at 6:30pm

For more information on what the Bible teaches and our church please join us on
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