



Service of Holy Communion Fourth Sunday of Easter Sunday, May 11, 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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

+ GATHERING +

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

Prelude

Prelude on Bunessan (A. V. Fedak)

Musical Meditation

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

Introit (10:30 a.m. only)

Earth Is Full of Wit and Wisdom Sunday School Children

Welcome/Announcements/ Dedication of Chimes

Please stand.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

- P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!
- P: In the name of + the One who was, who is, and who is to come.
- C: Amen.
- P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.
- P: Holy God,
- C: we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one. We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one. We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one. Amen.
- P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.
- C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King (LASST UNS ERFREUEN)

- 1. All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing Alleluia, alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam, O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- 2. Thou rushing winds that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along, O praise him, alleluia! Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening, find a voice. O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

- 3. And all ye saints of tender heart,
 Forgiving others, take your part,
 O sing ye, alleluia!
 Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
 Praise God and on him cast your care:
 O praise him, O praise him,
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- 4. Let all things their creator bless,
 And worship him in humbleness,
 O praise him, alleluia!
 Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
 And praise the Spirit, Three in One:
 O praise him, O praise him,
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Greeting

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.

Canticle of Praise

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen! (EARTH AND ALL STARS), No. 377

stanzas 1 and 2

1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Refrain

Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Walking the way, Christ in the center telling the story to open our eyes; breaking our bread, giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. *Refrain*

Prayer of the Day

- P: Let us pray together.
- C: 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.

Please sit.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Linda Hanus

+ WORD +

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

First Reading Acts 9:36-43

- L: A reading from Acts.
- L: ³⁶ Now 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. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since 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." ³⁹ So 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. ⁴⁰ Peter 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. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.
- L: Word of God. Word of Life.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

Sung by the whole verse between the worship leader and the **congregation**.



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

²The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures and leads me be- | side still waters.

³You restore my ¹ soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways ¹ for your name's sake.

⁴Though 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.

⁵ You 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.

Second Reading:

Revelation 7:9-17

L: A reading from Revelation.

⁹ After 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. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And 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, ¹² singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴ I 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. ¹⁵ For 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. ¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor

any scorching heat; ¹⁷ for 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."

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Reading John 10:22-30

P: The holy gospel according to St. John the twenty-second chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit. Sermon

Recognition of Seniors

Please stand.

Hymn of the Day

For the Beauty of the Earth (DIX), No. 879

Pastor Linda Hanus

Apostles' Creed

P: 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

P: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Each petition closes with:

P: God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

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.

Offering

10:30 a.m. Herald Choir

My Song is Love Divine (Behnke)

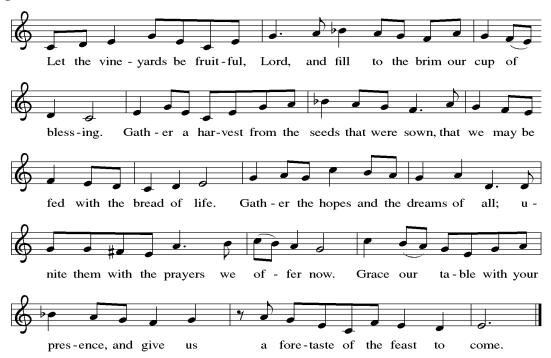
Please stand.

Offertory

Offerings can be made online by going to <u>stpeterslutheran.org/give</u>. 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



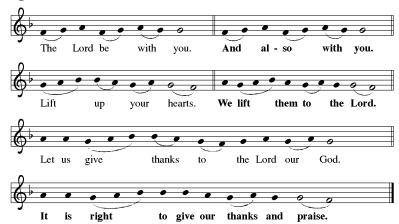
Offering Prayer

- P: Let us pray together.
- C: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.

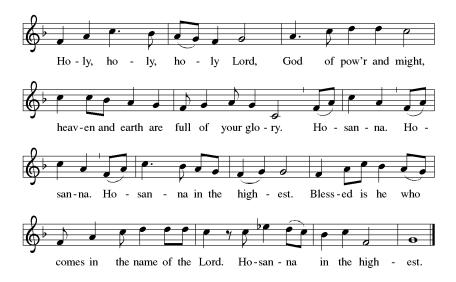
+ MEAL +

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, 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

P: Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life. All are welcome.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please sit.

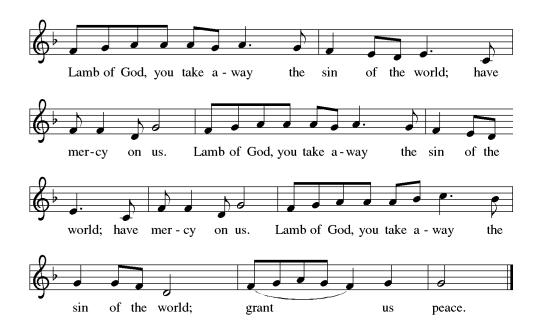
Communion

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



Communion Hymns

As the Grains of Wheat (AS THE GRAINS), No. 465 Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal (JESUS FEED US), No. 464 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly (HOLY MANNA), No. 461

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: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

C: Amen.

What's Happening at St. Peter's

+ SENDING +

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

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

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia (MFURAHINI, HALELUYA), No. 364

Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new.

C: We will. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee (JS Bach)

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS AT 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Tom Berdos
Greeters: Gene Olson

Ushers: Bob Courtois, Gene Olson

Welcome Center:

A/V:

Susie Rodrick
Tom Badorf

Communion Assistants: Jo Boltz, Pastor Hand



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS AT 10:30 a.m.

Lector: Jeffrey Pretz

Greeter: Thompson McConnell
Ushers: The Hofmann Family

Welcome Center: Libby Stoner

Acolytes:The Hofmann FamilyA/V:Helen OlmstedCommunion Assistants:Judy Logan, Jeff Pretz

Altar Guild Coord: Lori Weaver
Altar Guild: Pam Preston

Coffee Bar: Tom and Pat Badorf
Flower Delivery: Karen Felt, Judy Wenrich

CALENDAR

Sunday (5/11)		Mother's Day
	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
	0.45	Pastor Linda Hanus preaches
Happy	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
Mother's Day	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)
	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary and livestream) Pastor Linda Hanus preaches
Monday (5/12)	10:00 a.m.	Quilters (Augsburg Alley)
	4:15 p.m.	St. Peter's Ringers (Sanctuary) (Choir Room)
	6:00 p.m.	Exsultate Ringers (Sanctuary) (Choir Room)
Tuesday (5/13)		
	9:30 a.m.	Home Communion Volunteer Meeting (Café)
	6:30 p.m.	Joint Call Committee (Conference Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Property Committee (Cry Room)
Wednesday (5/14)	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study (Café)
	1:00 p.m.	Community Meal Prep (Kitchen)
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee (Conference Room)
Thursday (5/15)	4:15 p.m.	Youth Choir (Sanctuary) (Choir Room)
	6:30 p.m.	Herald Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) (Choir Room)
Sunday (5/18)		Confirmation Sunday
	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
		Pastor Cliff Hanus preaches
	9:00 a.m.	Canticle Choir (Choir Room)
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School Celebration (FLC/ Café)
	10:00 a.m.	Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)
	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary and livestream) Pastor Cliff Hanus preaches
	11:30 a.m.	Confirmation Social Gathering (FLC)
	4:00 p.m.	Choir Festival (Sanctuary)
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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

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and in honor of mothers, and those who impart a mother's love, especially Deborah Sasso and Deborah Stover by the Sasso Family.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Nancy Yunginger in commemoration of her birthday by Norm Yunginger.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Terry and Ann McGuigan 50th wedding anniversary by David, Mike, Karon, Greyson and Allison.

ORCHESTRAL CHIMES: This morning we are grateful for the donation of orchestral chimes to St. Peter's music ministry. The chimes were donated by Irene Wegehoft, to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband Bob Wegehoft, who served as a pastor for over fifty years.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECOGNITION: This Sunday, May 11, we are honoring the following high school seniors in our worship: Paige High, Addyson Beyer, Sara Rager, Sara Lehman, Emily Edelman, Jessica Schnelli, Jocelyn Parise, Jacob Soslow, Zachary Swartz, Emma Hyle, Jack Bowman, Abram Burge, Max McGahren, Isabella Marinaro. We wish them the very best as they transition to a new stage in life!

ON THIS MOTHER'S DAY: We give thanks to God for all the women in our lives whose mothering care blesses those in our families, communities, and the world. All women are invited to take a pink carnation flower located on the table in the Narthex as you leave worship.

FIRST COMMUNION: We rejoice with the following children and their families as they receive their first communion today: Aaron Himmelreich, son of Kyle and Tracy Himmelreich, Rylie Kearon, daughter of John and Erica Kearon, Reina Luciano, daughter of Manny and Natalie Luciano.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS: Class for prospective members will be held on Sunday, June 1, immediately following the 9:30 a.m. service in the conference room, with reception into membership on June 8, Pentecost Sunday. Contact the office by calling 717-569-9211 or by emailing office@stpeterslutheran.org or by scanning the QR code.

IMPORTANT SUMMER SERVICE INFORMATION: In light of strong support shown by the summer survey results, our Congregation Council has accepted the Worship Committee's recommendation to have one combined worship service at 9:30 a.m. each week from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Communion will be offered every week. This decision only affects the service times for the summer of 2025. Both the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services will return on Sunday, September 7. We hope to see you there!

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Monthly volunteer opportunities supporting the food pantry at St. Paul Penryn continue through the summer on Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to noon on May 17, June 21, July 19, and August 16. Please consider helping out this important local ministry. For more information or to sign up, please contact **lesliericemccarthy@gmail.com** or use this QR code.



BIBLE STUDY: Join Pastor Russ Rockwell for Bible Study every Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Café. This week's topic: Worship. Old friends, new friends—all are welcome to join us!

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: We are seeking additional Communion Assistants for our services. Please contact Karen Peiffer at **kpeiffer13@comcast.net** and provide your phone number. We will provide training if you have not served before.

DIETRICH BONHOEFFER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: Join us for this special six-session series exploring the life and works of Dietrich Bonhoeffer! In many times in history, the Church and world have grappled with deep divisions and deep questions about what it means to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Together we will use the works of Bonhoeffer to explore what it means to be faithful followers of Christ today. Class will meet in the Family Life Center at 9:15 a.m. today.

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 him after the service.

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!

COFFEE BAR WRAP UP: The Coffee Bar will be closing on May 18. As we pause for the summer, I want to thank the wonderful hosts and bakers who gave of their time and talent to supply the congregation with coffee and treats this past season. Without these volunteers we would not be able to enjoy a time of fellowship between services. If you would like to help host or bake for the coffee bar, please contact Donna Aho at <u>ademaho@comcast.net</u> or 717-371-0310. We are always looking for more volunteers to lighten the load on our current helpers. Have a wonderful summer, and we will look forward to resuming the coffee bar in early September.

CHOIR FESTIVAL: We have been rehearsing for St. Peter's Choir Festival on May 18 at 4 p.m. The event will feature a range of sacred choral music, from classical to gospel, as well as flute, clarinet, organ, and vocal soloists. Please plan to join us and tell and bring friends! No tickets are required; a freewill offering will solely benefit the Manheim Township Ambulance Association.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE END OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION! On May 18 at 9:15 a.m. in the Café, children, youth, families, and volunteers are invited to join us for a short program to recognize volunteers, children and youth who are moving up, first communicants, and our confirmands. The Children's Sunday School Choir will also sing during the program. A light

breakfast will be served. Please contact <u>Tara@stpeterslutheran.org</u> or <u>Nicky@stpeterslutheran.org</u> with questions. Scan the QR code to sign up. Please sign up by May 12.

THE ALTAR GUILD NEEDS YOUR HELP: Men, women and responsible teenagers are welcome. We need coordinators to set up communion and help participate in cleanup. We've previously had 12 coordinators; now there will be only me. You might serve in pairs on a monthly schedule twice a year. Training is available. Summer is a good time to shadow and learn. I will be taking vacation this summer; we especially need volunteers to take over communion while I am away. A big thank you to all those people who have served in the past. Debra Shue, 717-318-8848, dishue52@Comcast.net.

CHURCH BULLETIN: We are excited to share that St. Peter's bulletin is getting a new look! Starting on Sunday, May 25, you will notice: an altered front page, text of choir/special music anthems, and announcements formatted in two columns. All feedback is welcome.