

ST. PETER'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Service of Holy Communion

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 25, 2025

9:30 a.m.



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Building a community of faith by God's grace

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

+ GATHERING +

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

Prelude

Introduction, Choral, and Minuet (L. Boellmann)

Musical Meditation

Andante espressivo, Op. 19, No. 2 (F. Mendelssohn)

Welcome

Please stand.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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: Most merciful 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.

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

Gather Us In (GATHER US IN), No. 532

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.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray together.

C: Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, 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 Hanus

+ WORD +

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

First Reading

Acts 16:9-15

L: A reading from Acts.

L: ⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. ¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67

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



¹ May God be merciful to ¹ us and bless us;
may the light of God's face ¹ shine upon us.

² **Let your way be known ¹ upon earth,**
your saving health a- ¹ mong all nations.

³ Let the peoples praise ¹ you, O God;
let all the ¹ peoples praise you.

⁴ **Let the nations be glad and ¹ sing for joy,**
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na- ¹ tions on earth.

⁵ Let the peoples ¹ praise you, O God;
let all the ¹ peoples praise you.

⁶ **The earth has brought ¹ forth its increase;**
God, our own ¹ God, has blessed us.

⁷ May God ¹ give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth ¹ stand in awe.

Second Reading:

Revelation 21:10, 22-27, 22:1-5

L: A reading from Revelation.

L: ¹⁰ And in the spirit one of the angels carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. ²² I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵ Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. ^{22:1} Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life

with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Reading

John 14:23-29

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the fourteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ²³ Jesus answered Judas (not Iscariot), “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. ²⁵ “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

Sermon

Pastor Hanus

Please stand.

Hymn of the Day

Eternal Father, Strong to Save (MELITA), No. 756

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

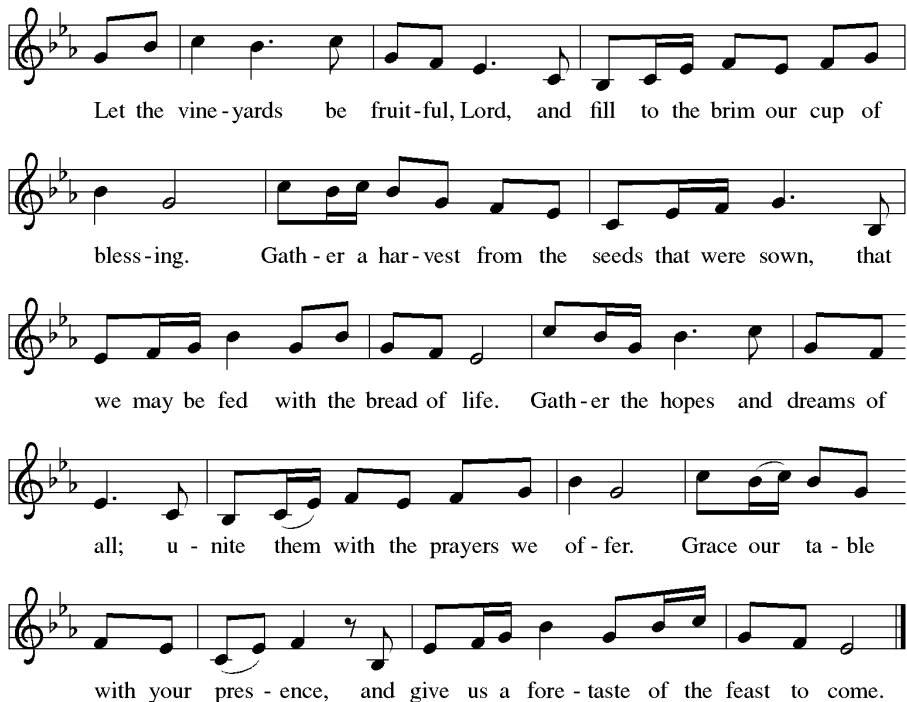
Offertory

With a Voice of Singing (Shaw)

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.

Please stand.

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

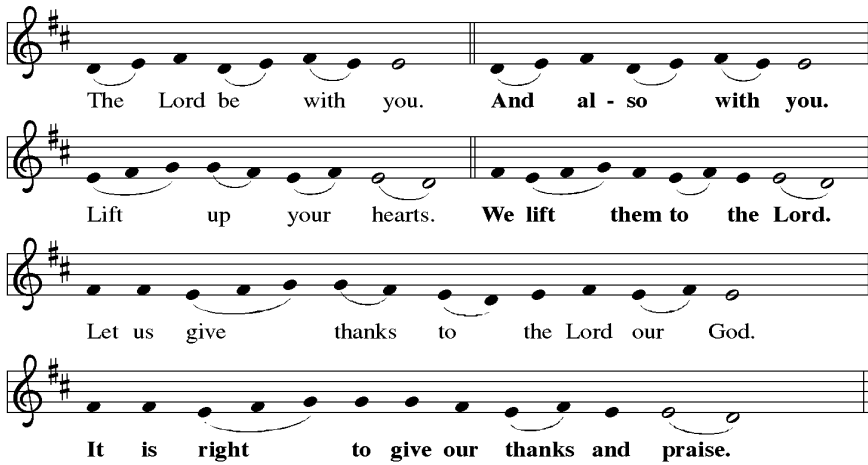
P: Let us pray together.

C: 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



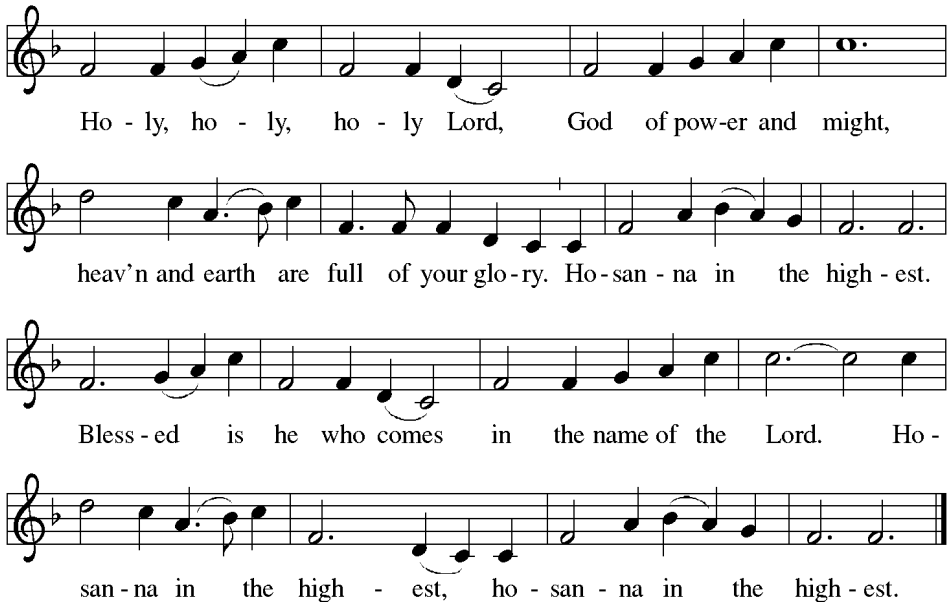
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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: As our Lord has taught us 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



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Hymns

Eat this Bread (BERTHIER), No. 472

Bread of Life from Heaven (BREAK NOW THE BREAD), No. 474

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.

+ 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

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty (NICEA), No. 413

Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Love and serve God and neighbors.

C: We will. Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Festival Toccata (P.E.Fletcher)

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS AT 9:30 a.m.

Lector:	Judy Logan
Greeter:	Jim and Jane Savidge
Ushers:	Mark and Angela Moshos
Welcome Center:	Dave and Lis Wolf
A/V:	Dave Tilley
Communion Assistants:	Debbie Stover, Jeff Pretz
Altar Guild Coord:	Lori Weaver
Altar Guild:	Lis Wolf
Flower Delivery:	Ken Shirk, Christine Smith

CALENDAR

Sunday (5/25)	9:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship, Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary & Livestream) Pastor Hanus preaches
	10:00 a.m.	Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)
Monday (5/26)	All Day	Office is Closed
Tuesday (5/27)	10:30 a.m.	Widows Group (Cry Room)
	6:30 p.m.	Call Committee (Cry Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship Committee (Conference Room)
Wednesday (5/28)	1:00 p.m.	Community Meal Prep (Kitchen)
	6:30 p.m.	HR Committee (Zoom)
Sunday (6/1)	9:20 a.m.	Hymn Sing before service (Sanctuary)
	9:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship, Service of the Word (Sanctuary & Livestream) Pastor Hanus preaches
	10:00 a.m.	Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)
	10:30 a.m.	New Members Class (Conference Room)

COMMUNION WINE AND BREAD are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Arlene Dodd given in commemoration of her 92nd birthday by her family.

DEATH IN THE PARISH FAMILY: Clint Frontz entered the Church Triumphant on Sunday, May 18. Please keep Mary Ann and family in your prayers.

CHURCH BULLETIN: We hope that you like the changes in the bulletin today. We're looking for feedback on this new format, as we plan to continue using it. Please let us know what you think!

SUMMER HYMN SINGS: On the first Sundays of the month, you may request your favorite hymn to be sung before the service begins. Starting at 9:20 a.m. on June 1, you may request any hymn from the hymnal, and Tom Berdos will lead it from the piano. Subsequent hymn sings will be held on July 6 and August 3.

WIDOWS GROUP: St. Peter's has a Widows Group that meets one time a month, on the 4th Tuesday, at 10:30 in the Cry Room. We discuss what's going on in our lives and how they have changed. We would love for you to join us. For more information, please contact Betsy Linn, betsylinn1@gmail.com or 717-618-9615.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS: Class for prospective members will be held next 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.**

VBS VOLUNTEERS: Please sign up if you can attend the VBS Planning meeting Thursday, June 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. You can also

sign up on the QR code if you would like to volunteer for VBS for July 20- 24. VBS will be held Sunday, July 20 - Thursday, July 24 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Theme is True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

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 leslicemccarthy@gmail.com or use this QR code.

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.

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 jislamvt@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.



ITEMS NEEDED FOR RIVER'S PLACE

AND MTSD CARE CLOSET: We're collecting clothing (K-12), new underwear, socks, and shoes. Household items also needed: toothpaste, body wash, shampoo, feminine products, detergent, and more.

WECOME: Please welcome our new Director of Youth Ministry, Nicole Snyder, who has been hard at work this month! Hi, I'm Nicky aka Miss Nicky. I am from Myerstown, PA and currently live a block away from the house I grew up in. My husband, Craig and I have four children. Carson, 16, Landon, 14, Addison, 12, and Fynn, 5 and a fur baby, Molly, who is 6 months old. I grew up in the Lutheran faith. I attended the United Lutheran Seminary, and I am certified in Family Faith Formation. I have been working in youth ministry for four years, although I've always felt a calling for it even as a teenager. I have been a dancer all my life, and I am wrapping up my 14th year as a studio owner and my 23rd year teaching. Ballet is my favorite. I enjoy gardening, shopping, reading, and attending my kids' sports practices. My favorite color is pink. Pasta is my favorite food. Coke, not Pepsi. Starbucks, never Dunkin'. My favorite Bible verse is Matthew 17:20, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move." I'm so excited to be part of the St. Peter's team!

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, djshue52@Comcast.net.

THRIVENT MEMBERS: You are entitled to ask for \$250 twice a year for Thrivent Action Teams. You can support any non-profit in your church or community. Go to Thrivent.com to apply. Describe the event you are supporting and how the money will be used. You can get t-shirts for the event and a gift card with your money. If you don't want t-shirts order them and give them to River's Place. I recently supported River's Place by purchasing items from the Amazon list. Take a picture or 2 and submit a follow-up report. It's easy. Try it.

JOIN JASON ZIMMERMAN: your Parish Administrator, for a casual night out in downtown Lancaster City that will have you rolling in the aisle! He'll be performing with the **Lancaster Improv Players** on June 13th at **7:00 PM. GO**

BULLDOGS! features a randomized selection of players from our entire community of students, coaches, and performers. The event is **Pay What You Will**. You can find them at **16 South Prince Street, Lancaster, PA 17603**. Come on out for a night of spontaneous fun!

PENCIL DONATIONS: We are in need of new and old pencils in the sanctuary.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED:

We are going to have a big event to kickstart the beginning of the new Sunday School season this fall, and in preparation for that, we need a t-shirt designed. We are opening it up to the youth to design the front of the shirt.

Scan QR code for requirements. Designs can be submitted to the main office to the attention of Nicky Snyder. More event details to follow.





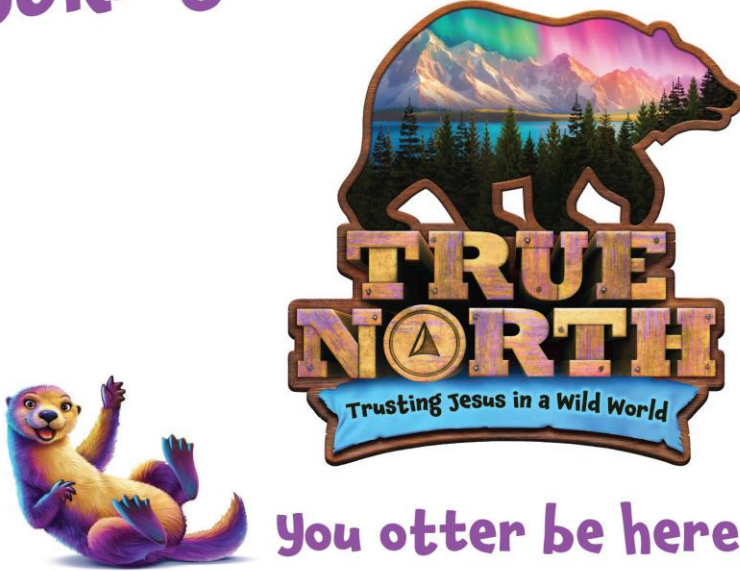
Your help is needed!

we need a T-shirt designed for a color run event we are having in the fall.

All T-shirt designs must have the following requirements to be considered:

- ***must be submitted on an 8.5x11 sheet of white paper***
- ***design must be in black & white***
- ***must include "St. Peter's Lutheran Church"***
- ***must include "We are all God's masterpieces"***
- ***must be submitted by June 30, 2025***

Looking for mountains of fun?



You otter be here!

New friends ▶ Amazing experiments ▶ Creative games
Super-fun snacks ▶ Surprising adventures ▶ Incredible music

Save these dates:

July 20-24

Each day's fun happens from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. pm

For more information:

