



St. Peter's Lutheran Church & School

7710 East State Boulevard
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May 16, 2026 – 5:00pm
May 17, 2026 – 10:30am

Rev. Danny Eggold, Senior Pastor
Rev. Adam McDowell, Associate Pastor
Rev. Nathan Widener, Associate Pastor & Director of Community of Care
Rev. James Sharp, Missionary to Puerto Rico
Tim Degen, Director of Music & Organist
Chris Brune, Principal
Barb Christian, Preschool Director

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

May 16, 2026 – 5:00pm

May 17, 2026 – 10:30am

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PRAISE

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name/Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all.

Lord, I lift Your name on high.
Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I’m so glad You’re in my life.
I’m so glad You came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky,
Lord I lift Your name on high.

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all.
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Lord, I love to sing Your praises.

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From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky,
Lord I lift Your name on high.

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song and crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song and crown Him Lord of all.

(5:00 – We rise.)

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

(The 5:00 service continues with the Confession & Absolution on page 6.)

✠ ORDER OF HOLY BAPTISM ✠

(10:30)

P Our Lord commanded Baptism when He said: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

God's Word tells us that we are all conceived and born sinful and are in need of forgiveness. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But Jesus took away our sin through His death on the cross. In Baptism He clothes us with the robe of His righteousness and gives us a new life.

Mitchell and Madeline: In obedience to Christ's command and trusting in His promise, you have brought Dorothy to be baptized. As she grows in years, will you place in her

hand the Holy Scriptures, bring her to the services of worship in God's house, and provide for her further instruction in the Christian faith, that abiding in her baptismal grace and in communion with the Church, she may grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ? If so, then answer by saying, "Yes."

R Yes.

P Dorothy Ann Studebaker, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your forehead and upon your heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ, the crucified.

P Let us join in the prayer our Lord has taught us:

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.**

RITE OF BAPTISM

P Let us all, together with the sponsors and parents, faithfully speak in testimony of the forgiveness of sins and the birth of the life of faith which God our Father bestows in and through Baptism.

P Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

C **I do renounce them.**

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

C **Yes, I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?
C **Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
C **Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit,**
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

The Baptism of Dorothy Ann Stuebaker

Dorothy is the daughter of Mitchell and Madeline (Stafford) Stuebaker
Her sponsors are Heath and Emma Whalen

P Dorothy Ann Stuebaker, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son
and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

P May the Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the
new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins; strengthen you
with His grace to life everlasting.
C **Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF THE BAPTISMAL CANDLE

P Dorothy: receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the

light of the world. Live always by the Light of Christ, for Jesus said, “Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness but will always have the light of life.”

SPONSOR’S PLEDGE

P Heath and Emma: Having witnessed Dorothy’s baptism, will you remember her in your prayers, remind her that she is a baptized child of God, and, as much as you are able, give your counsel and aid, especially if she should lose her parents that she be brought up in the true knowledge and worship of God? If so, then answer by saying, “Yes.”

R Yes.

CONGREGATION’S PLEDGE

P Fellow Members of God’s Kingdom: Through Baptism, God has made Dorothy His own precious child. Will you welcome her into the Lord’s family? Will you receive her as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and help her grow in the faith of her baptism, so she may join us in proclaiming the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light? If so, then answer by saying, “Yes.”

C Yes.

P May God enable us all to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P Dorothy Ann Studebaker, Almighty God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, by your Baptism has made you His dear child. May He strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

C Amen.

(The 10:30 service continues with the Salutation & Collect of the Day on page 6.)

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION (5:00)

P Let us return to the Shepherd and Guardian of our souls, confessing our sin.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

P Almighty God,

C **We confess before You our preference for things that pass away, our silence in the face of injustice, our reluctance to accept the freedom of forgiveness. Make us whole again; renew in us the grace of baptism; and set our minds on the things that are above. Amen.**

P In Christ's dying and rising, you are reborn; you are no longer dead in your sin. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

(10:30 – We rise.)

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty God,

C **As Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

(We are seated.)

FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

¹In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” ⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²²And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You. I want to see You.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You. I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love as we sing holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy;
I want to see You.

Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy;
I want to see You.

(We rise.)

HOLY GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:44-53

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations,

beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” ⁵⁰ And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven.

(Paschal Candle is extinguished)

⁵² And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and were continually in the temple blessing God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(10:30 – During the Song of Response, children age 3 through first grade are invited to attend “Kids of the Kingdom” children’s church. They will return following the sermon.)

(We are seated.)

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Let God Arise”

**There’s a pageant of triumph in glory,
And as Jesus the King takes His throne,
The shame of the cross is exchanged for a crown,
And heaven applauds the King.**

**The Son has the Father’s approval,
He perfectly followed the plan
To suffer and die for the sins of the world;
He poured out His love for our shame.**

**Let God arise with shouts of joy,
With songs of praise and trumpet sound.
Let music play and hearts be free, let God arise.**

**Death could not keep Him in prison;
He burst through the shackles of hell.
He settled the score with the evil one**

And heaven applauds the King.

The fullness of Christ is my treasure;
I've cast off the past with its shame.
The pow'r of the Father has raised me to life;
I'm reborn, I'm forgiven and free.

Let God arise with shouts of joy,
With songs of praise and trumpet sound.
Let music play and hearts be free, let God arise.

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SERMON

“Blessed”

Text: Luke 24:44-53 – Pastor Nathan Widener

(We rise.)

NICENE CREED (5:00)

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both
the living and the dead,
Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(We are seated.)

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP and GATHERING OF OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERING SONG

“We Are An Offering”

(Praise Team)

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to You, we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,
Lord, use our lives, they are Yours, we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are,
All that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to You, we are an offering, we are an offering.

(All)

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to You, we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,
Lord, use our lives, they are Yours, we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are,
All that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You.
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We lift our lives up to You, we are an offering, we are an offering.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Heavenly Father,
C We bring to Your table what we have, gifts from You, the One who makes all things new. With these signs we bring ourselves, that we may carry to the world the victorious life of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(We rise.)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

(Brief silence.)

P Gracious Father, Your Son Jesus ascended to fill all time and space and is present with all people. By Your Holy Spirit, lead Your church and her leaders in faith, hope, and love, and in sharing the presence of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Majestic God, You entrust us to proper stewardship for all You have made. Instill in us a commitment to the sustainable care of Your creation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, Your Son Jesus sits at Your right hand and rules the cosmos. Inspire national and local politicians who seek justice and cultivate peace throughout the world, especially in Iran, Ukraine, Gaza, and Sudan. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**

P Merciful God, Your Son Jesus carries with Him the scars of suffering as our wounded Healer. Guide with Your wisdom the work of surgeons, pharmacists, and all medical specialists, and bring Your healing touch to all who are sick (*especially whose names are written on our hearts...*). Lord, in Your mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**

P Caring God, Your Son Jesus reveals the depths of Your love and gathers all people to Himself. Accompany us in our work and play, making Your presence known in all that we do. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

P Life-giving God, by His death and resurrection, Your Son Jesus destroyed death forever. With thanksgiving we remember those who rest from their labors, assured of Your promise of everlasting life (*especially...*). Lord, in Your mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER (5:00)

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE OF OUR LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

(We are seated.)

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONGS

“Worthy is the Lamb”

(Praise Team)

Thank you for the cross, Lord
Thank you for the price You paid
Bearing all my sin and shame
In love You came
And gave amazing grace

(All)

Thank you for this love, Lord
Thank you for the nail-pierced hands
Washed me in Your cleansing flow
Now all I know
Your forgiveness and embrace

**Worthy is the Lamb
Seated on the throne
Crown You now with many crowns
You reign victorious
High and lifted up
Jesus Son of God
The Treasure of Heaven crucified
Worthy is the Lamb
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“Revelation Song”

(Praise Team)

**Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Holy, holy is He
Sing a new song to Him who sits on Heaven's mercy seat.**

(All)

**Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Holy, holy is He
Sing a new song to Him who sits on Heaven's mercy seat.**

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come.
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings**

You are my everything and I will adore You.

(Praise Team)

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and glory and power be
To You the only wise King.

(All)

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings
You are my everything and I will adore You.**

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power, breath and living water
Such a marvelous mystery.

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come.
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings
You are my everything and I will adore You.**

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Who was and is and is to come.
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings
You are my everything and I will adore You.**

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

**Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth You now bring us;
Shine on me, shine on me.**

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By Your blood I may enter Your brightness;
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness;
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
So our faces display Your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

“We Remember You”

(Praise Team)

In broken bread and the cup that we share, we remember You.
In broken bread and the cup that we share, we remember You.
We remember You, Jesus. We remember Your love for us.
We remember the blood You shed. We remember You.

(All)

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We remember You, Jesus. We remember Your love for us.
We remember the blood You shed. We remember You.

(We rise.)

DISMISSAL

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
- C** Amen.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- P** In this meal, Lord God, You have strengthened us by the risen life of Your Son. Send us by Your Holy Spirit to live in peace with one another and to renew Your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** Amen.

BENEDICTION and DISMISSAL

- 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.
- C** Amen.
- P** Go in the power of the Spirit. Proclaim the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!
- C** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

(We are seated.)

SENDING SONG “Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”

Thine the amen Thine the praise Alleluias angels raise
Thine the everlasting head Thine the breaking of the bread
Thine the glory Thine the story Thine the harvest then the cup

Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.

Thine the life eternally Thine the promise let there be
Thine the vision Thine the tree All the earth on bended knee
Gone the nailing gone the railing Gone the pleading gone the cry
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.

Thine the truly Thine the yes Thine the table we the guest
Thine the mercy all from Thee Thine the glory yet to be
Then the ringing and the singing Then the end of all the war
Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.

Thine the kingdom Thine the prize Thine the wonder full surprise
Thine the banquet then the praise Then the justice of Thy ways
Thine the glory Thine the story Then the welcome to the least
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.

(We rise.)

Thine the glory in the night No more dying only light
Thine the river Thine the tree Then the Lamb eternally
Then the holy holy holy Celebration jubilee
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.

Only Thee...

POST-SERVICE MUSIC

“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”