

Welcome to St. Peter Lutheran Church

Day of Prayer and Healing

May 31, 2026

In-Person Worship: St Peter at 9:00 am

Facebook Live, 9:00 a.m. at "St Peter Lutheran Church"

You Tube (Live) at "St Peters Lutheran Church Rockwell, IA"

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CALL TO WORSHIP (Please Stand)

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life.

Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN: PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND

1. Precious Lord, take my hand

Lead me on, let me stand
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord
Lead me home.

3. When the darkness appears

and the night draws near
and the day is past and gone
At the river I stand
Guide my feet, hold my hand
Take my hand, precious Lord
Lead me home.

2. When my way grows drear,

Precious Lord, lingerie near.
When my life is almost gone;
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord
Lead me home.

OPENING DIALOG:

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

And his mercy endures forever.

They cried to the Lord in their trouble,

And He delivered them from their distress.

He sent forth His Word and healed them,
And saved them from the grave.

The Lord is righteous in all His ways,
And loving in all His works.

The Lord upholds all who fall;
He lifts up those who are bowed down.

The Lord sustains them on their sickbed,
And ministers to them in their illness.

The Lord is my strength and my song,
And He has become my salvation.

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
And His mercy endures forever.

God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

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 Pontious 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 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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: FROM ALL THAT DWELL BELOW THE SKIES

1. From all the dwell below the skies

Let the Creator's praise arise:

Alleluia, alleluia.

Let the Redeemer's name be sung

Through every land by every tongue.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. Eternal are thy mercies, Lord;

Eternal truth attends thy word:

Alleluia, alleluia.

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,

'Til suns shall rise and set no more.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Alleluia, alleluia.
Praise Him above, you heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Almighty God our heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the gift of life and placed us in a world of beauty and wonder. Your perfect will for us is wholeness in body, mind and spirit. We bow in awe and wonder at your feet and freely acknowledge our dependence upon you for all that is good.

In your presence we remember our sin and failure, all that damages our lives, the lives of others and the world which you have created.

In penitence we ask You to forgive us, in the name of our Lord Jesus who loves us and gave Himself for us.

Amen

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 53:1-12

[1] Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

[2] He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

[3] He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

[4] Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.

[5] But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

[6] We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

[7] He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

[8] By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished.

[9] He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.

[10] Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the Lord makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand.

[11] After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.

[12] Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

PSALM: Psalm 121:1-8

¹ I lift up my eyes to the mountains
where does my help come from?

² My help comes from the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.

³ **He will not let your foot slip
he who watches over you will not slumber;**

⁴ Indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵ **The LORD watches over you
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;**

⁶ The sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.

⁷ **The LORD will keep you from all harm
he will watch over your life;**

⁸ The LORD will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.

GOSPEL: Mark 2:1-12

A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. ² They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. ³ Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. ⁴ Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. ⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

⁶ Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, ⁷ “Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

⁸ Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, “Why are you thinking these things? ⁹ Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’? ¹⁰ But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the man, ¹¹ “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” ¹² He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY: WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer.
Oh, what needless pain we forfeit;
Oh, what needless pain we bear
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!
2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness
take it to the Lord in prayer!
3. Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He’ll take and shield thee;
Thou will find a solace there.

PRAYERS (Please Stand)

Let us pray for all who suffer.

Merciful Lord, you sent your Son to be our peace. Help all who suffer pain or grief to find in Him strength and peace, so that their trust in your promises may be renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for recovery from sickness.

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully hear our prayers and grant to your servants the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Let us pray for those in affliction.

Almighty and everlasting God, comfort of the sad and strength to those who suffer: Let the prayers of your children who are in any trouble rise to you.

To everyone in distress grant mercy, grant relief, grant refreshment; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Let us pray for those who minister in healing.

Almighty God, source of human knowledge and skill: Guide physicians and nurses and all those you have called to practice the arts of healing. Strengthen them by your life-giving Spirit, that, by their ministries, the health of all people may be promoted and your creation may be glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Let us pray for the ministry of family and friends.

Loving God, our creator and redeemer: Give strength and gentleness, patience and faithfulness to family members and friends. Let their hope be in you, and by their ministry of love let your love be known; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Let us pray for those who desire our prayers.

Blessed Lord, we ask your loving care and protection for those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit and who desire our prayers. Take from them all fears and help them put their trust in you, that they may feel your strong arms around them.

Lord, we pray especially for our friends and family: Jim Turner, Christine Foell, Jo Thomas, DiAnne & Dave Severin, Lorna Thompson, Wendell & Dawn Thomas, Audrey Harder, Larry Kruckenberg, Janet Hoftiezer, Joan Petersen, Lon Peterson, Wendy Jorgensen, Joel & Renee Dahlen.....all who are homebound or hospitalized.....all we name silently in our hearts or outloud to you at this time.

Touch them with your renewing love, that they may know wholeness in you and glorify your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Let us pray for those making decisions.

O Lord our God, send your Holy Spirit to guide us, that we may make our decisions with love, mercy, and reverence for your gift of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Praise to you, almighty God and Father. You sent your Son to live among us and to bring us salvation.

Blessed be God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, incomparable son of the Father. You humbled yourself to share in our humanity, and you came to heal all our illnesses.

Blessed be God.

Praise to you, Holy Spirit, our defender and consoler. You heal our sickness with your mighty and life-giving power.

Blessed be God.

Holy and blessed Trinity, sustain your servants who are gathered here with your presence; drive away their sickness of body and spirit; and give them that victory of life and peace which will enable them to serve you now and evermore.

Amen

LAYING OF HANDS

Those who wish to come forward (you are not required to by any means) will be ushered up. Please take a knee (or stand) at the railing. The LayMinister will take your hand and offer a prayer of healing, after which you may remain and pray or go back to your seat. BEFORE you come forward and AFTER you return, please take this time to speak with The Lord in silent prayer. Soft music will play in the background.

You should have picked up an index card from the usher as you entered. During this time, I encourage you to write one (or more) sins/troubles/concerns/fears/worries in your life that you wish to let go of and lay at the feet of God. We will take care of those cards at the end of service.

CLOSING

The almighty Lord, a strong tower to all who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and whom they obey, be now and evermore your defense, and make you know and feel that the only name under heaven given for health and salvation is the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen

Let us pray. Merciful Lord God, constant source of all healing, we give you thanks for all your gifts of strength and life, and above all we thank you for the gift of your Son, through whom we have health and salvation. As we wait for that day when there will be no more pain, help us by your Holy Spirit to be assured of your power in our lives and to trust in your eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen

WALK OUTSIDE FOR BURNING: AMAZING GRACE

Please bring your card and walk to parsonage driveway

BURDEN BURNING: Many congregations celebrate by gathering outside.

Participants are invited to write down past sins, struggles, or negative habits on slips of paper and throw them into the fire, symbolizing Christ consuming our burdens as the "Light of the World".

BLESSING

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.

Amen

Go in peace rejuvenated by prayer and with less burden on your heart as you laid it down at the feet of The Lord.

Thanks be to God

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETERS FOR MAY

Dale & Carole Matthes

ACOLYTES FOR MAY

Gavin & Alivia Vaughn

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for First Holy Communion which we be on Sunday, June 14th. Class will be held on Saturday, June 13th beginning at 9:00 am.

Any

person (K-Adult) who has never taken communion before is welcome to attend. It will be a discussion about Holy Communion, its importance and why we do it, ETC. We will also make the bread we will use for communion. The class will run about 60-90 minutes. Parents of minors are ENCOURAGED to attend with their child.

Vacation Bible School will not be held at St. Peter during the summer of 2026. Instead, we will be taking a day trip to the Grotto, with more details to come.

Quilting News: The St Peter Quilters have finished and sent 120 quilts to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you to all who have helped.

One silver lining from the past few years is that St. Peter has built a really great online broadcasting system! We've been so glad to see members and friends — some near, some far — joining us for worship each week from the comfort of their homes.

A question that's been coming up lately is: "How do I make an offering online?"

If you feel called to give, here's all you need to do:

Go to our website, stpeterrockwell.com.

At the top right of the page is the word "Giving". Click on it, then click on "Donations". Fill out the page and click on "Basket".

You can also download the VANCO MOBILE APP. Search for St Peter by entering the zip code. Sign in/Create an account. Follow the easy directions and finally click "Submit".

St Peter thanks you for your support!

Legacy Fund Scholarship 2026 Applications are available for pick up on the bulletin board at the main entrance of the church. All applicants must have completed at least one semester of college/technical school. Postmark must be no later than June 1st, 2026.

Did You Know? that the ELCA was officially formed in 1988. It operates under a national motto "God's Work, Our Hands". Today, there are more than 9000 ELCA congregations spanning all 50 states and the Caribbean. ELCA is currently the largest Lutheran body in the United States with around 3 million members.

