**May 5, 2024 – Sixth Sunday in Easter Email/At Home Missal**

**The ZOOM link for today’s service, which opens at 09.30 am on May 5, 2024, can be found here:**

**Worship May 5, 2024 09:30 am ZOOM room opens; service begins at 10:00 am.**

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**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF May 5th-May 12th, 2024**

**You will find the video for the service from this past Sunday at the following YouTube link:** [**https://youtu.be/QQ7BVtAj\_Bk**](https://youtu.be/QQ7BVtAj_Bk)

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**Announcements: Coming Events** *(save these dates)* ***bold print - events being held here at St. Peter’s***

1. May 05 Menno Singers – My God is a Rock *(see below for further details)*

May 05 Addison Women’s Choir – Voices in Bloom *(see below for further details)*

May 09 Trillium United Church Women Spring Luncheon *(see below for further details)*

**May 23 Bless This Night - Prayer Encounters Event *(see below for further details)***

June 02 Prayer in the Park *(see below for further details)*

June 21 Spirituality and Aging Seminar *(see below for further details)*

1. June 22 Taize Service*(see below for further details)*

Aug. 11-23 Ontario Mennonite Music Camp *(see below for further details)*

**The Life of St. Peter’s for the week of May 5, 2024 – May 12, 2024**

1. Monday 6:00 pm TOPS - R.F.F. *(Art Room)*
2. **7:00 pm Church Council Meeting *(Parlour)***
3. Tuesday 7:00 pm Scouts - R.F.F. *(Scout Room, Art Room, Fellowship Hall)*
4. **Wednesday 7:00 pm Praying the Catechism *(via zoom)***
5. Thursday
6. Friday
7. Saturday
8. **Sunday**   **10:00 am Worship Service** – A passage from **1 Corinthians 15:1-26, 51-57** *(Jesus’ resurrection and the future resurrection; death as the last enemy)*

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1. **Pastoral Visit: Pastor Laura is available for visits by appointment by calling the church office, 519-653-4721. Whether you have a particular pastoral concern or would just like some one-to-one time to get to know Pastor Laura, she would love to meet with you.**

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1. **Prayer List: Bill, Don, Tammy, Don, Lynn, Helen, Sharon, Donald, Shirley, Clara, Jeff, Aaron, MacKenzie, Rhett, Jan, Ken, Lee, Maria, Deborah, Fred, Anne, Sherri, Carol, Avery, Linda, Luis.**

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1. **Weekly Bible Study** **– Cancelled on May 8, 2024.**

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1. **“Praying the Catechism” – A season of intentional prayer for Lent & Easter - Wednesdays at 7PM on Zoom from February 21 to May 15. Join Pastor Laura on zoom each Wednesday for prayer, conversation and mutual support as we work our way through “Praying the Catechism” this Lenten and Easter seasons.**

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1. **It's Maple Syrup Time at St. Peter's. The Maple Syrup we supply is from a local 5th generation farm, producing Maple Syrup for over 100 years. Since 2018 all of our Maple Syrup is "Certified Organic."**
2. **"It's truly the best Maple Syrup I have ever tasted." Pastor Monika 1 litre Mason Jars are $24.00.**
3. **Please contact Alex Black or St. Peter's office to order Maple Syrup.**

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1. **GREENHORIZONS BIGYELLOWBAG - GIVE & GROW PROGRAM - This fundraiser is open to all and enables each one of us to raise funds for St. Peters.  If you don’t have a lawn or garden, not a problem, you can still help by spreading the word to your neighbours, friends and relatives.  Each time that an order is placed at Greenhorizons Sod at 855-424-4224 for a BigYellowBag of soil using the code STPETERS24, you will save $5.00, and the church will receive $10.00. Spread the word, and the soil!**

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1. We need you to help feed our neighbourhood!The freedom Centre has joined with Cambridge Community Table to offer a meal to our community twice a month on Tuesday night. We need volunteers: Food Preparation, set up, take down, meet and Greet. Every hour you can give once or twice a month. Call for information 519-591-6518 or email rosemary@freedomcentre.ca.

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1. Move with Robert(Free Exercise Class Mondays 1 – 2 pm, YMCA Certified Fitness Instructor – Wear exercise shoes/bringwater/no registration required/ arrive by 12:45 pm – Trillium United Church, Cambridge)

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1. Menno Singers – My God is a Rock - Sunday, May 5 at 3 pm – Brandon Leis, Artistic Director, Heart Cry Ensemble, Songs to celebrate Gods faithfulness. Wallenstein Bible Chapel, Wallenstein. $20 Adults, $5 Children/Students. Tickets at the door or [www.menosingers.com](http://www.menosingers.com)

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1. Addison Women’s Choir present their annual Spring Concert – Voices in Bloom – Sunday, May 5, 2024 at 3 pm. Preston Mennonite Church, 791 Concession Rd, Cambridge ON. Special Guests: Age of Majority Singers. Advance tickets: Adults $15, at the door $20, Children under 12: FREE www.addison womenschoir.com

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1. Trillium United Church Women Spring Luncheon – Come and Enjoy Pork Tenderloin with salads, Lemon Dessert with coffee and tea. Thursday, May 9, 2024 11:20 am – 12:30 pm. Cost $20; Limited Tickets available at the church office. Proceeds to UCW Outreach. Trillium United Church, 450 King Street East Cambridge, ON 519-653-6601.

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**BLESS THIS NIGHT, vespers `23; AN EVENING PRAYER SERVICE that seeks to honour night and darkness as times of blessing and renewal in our lives. A part of the St. Peter’s “Prayer Encounters” Series. Thursday May 23rd, 2024 at 7 pm here at St. Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Church. Refreshments and fellowship to follow.**

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Prayer in the Park, Sunday, June 2, 2024, 2 – 4 pm at Victoria Park in Kitchener. [Prayer in the Park](https://prayerinthepark.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8532b8cbd4d7d003628ed625b&id=8d80797221&e=ff9151ee38) is an opportunity for all Christians in Waterloo Region to gather in one place and pray. We hope it is just one part as we persist in prayer and taking up the shield of faith for Waterloo Region.

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The Annual Spirituality and Aging Seminar will take place on Friday, June 21st in-person and virtually at Conrad Grebel University College. Rev. Dr. Mark Roberts presents “From Problems to Possibilities: Faith Communities enabling those in the third third of life to flourish.” This seminar challenges the narratives about elders in communities, churches, and society at large; exploring the role churches can play in empowering older adults. Visit [grebel.ca/spirituality](http://grebel.ca/spirituality) for registration information. Professionals, practitioners, and all interested are welcome.

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1. **Taize Service - Saturday, June 22, 2024 at Lincoln Road Chapel (145 Lincoln Road, Waterloo) at 7 PM.**

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**Presiding Pastor: Rev. Laura Sauder**

**Organist & Director of Music: Bradley Moggach**

**Assisting Minister: Helga Morrison**

**Reader: Barbara Berg**

**Welcome remarks**

**Call to Worship:**

P: Come, beloved of God,

***C: laying aside the hard and harsh ways of the world.***

P: Come, beloved of God,

***C: to practice the patient and kind ways of love.***

P: Come, beloved of God,

***C: to trust the love that holds fast in all things.***

 ***Hearts soft and minds open, we come.***

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**Gathering Hymn: Evening Hymn from “Bless This Night” *(verses 2-4)***

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Circled with creation’s beauty:

raven call and river song;

Life abundant on our journey

stirring wonder: we belong.

We embrace deep mystery,

loved by God and full of worth.

Who are we to be entrusted

with the care of our whole earth?

We gather together to stand in awe!

3

Voices joining with each other,

striving for a purpose clear,

make our daily life together

hard or easy: ever dear.

Practice in community

opens room for God to start

building justice for all people,

healing wrongs of hardened hearts.

We gather together to work for peace!

4

Praise to God, the one who sees me;

Jesus Christ, beloved one;

Holy Spirit, truth revealed;

all our blessings come from you.

Maker of the day and night,

called them good and rested too;

You who are the breath of life,

Praise and thanks we give to you.

We gather together to praise our God!

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**Greeting**:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

***C: And also with you.***

**Theme Time**

**Prayer of the Day:**

P: Loving Lord, you have showered your world with faith, hope, and love. Help us to be faithful to you, to offer hope to those in need, and to love all your children. **Amen.**

*Source: Narrative Lectionary Worship Resources Kimberly Leetch*

**Scripture Song: ELW # 510 ‘Word of God, Come Down on Earth’ *(verse 3)***

3Word that speaks God's tender love,

 one with God beyond all telling,

 Word that sends us from above

 God the Spirit, with us dwelling,

 Word of truth, to all truth lead us;

 Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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**Reader**: **1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

*May we be equipped by these words to walk in love for God, ourselves, our neighbours, all people, and all God’s creation.*

If I speak in tongues of human beings and of angels but I don’t have love, I’m a clanging gong or a clashing cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and I know all the mysteries and everything else, and if I have such complete faith that I can move mountains but I don’t have love, I’m nothing. If I give away everything that I have and hand over my own body to feel good about what I’ve done but I don’t have love, I receive no benefit whatsoever.

Love is patient, love is kind, it isn’t jealous, it doesn’t brag, it isn’t arrogant, it isn’t rude, it doesn’t seek its own advantage, it isn’t irritable, it doesn’t keep a record of complaints, it isn’t happy with injustice, but it is happy with the truth. Love puts up with all things, trusts in all things, hopes for all things, endures all things.

Love never fails. As for prophecies, they will be brought to an end. As for tongues, they will stop. As for knowledge, it will be brought to an end. We know in part and we prophesy in part; but when the perfect comes, what is partial will be brought to an end. When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, reason like a child, think like a child. But now that I have become a man, I’ve put an end to childish things. Now we see a reflection in a mirror; then we will see face-to-face. Now I know partially, but then I will know completely in the same way that I have been completely known. Now faith, hope, and love remain—these three things—and the greatest of these is love.  *(CEB)*

God’s story, our story. ***C: Thanks be to God.***

**Engaging with the Story**

***(The text of Pastor Laura’s message will be sent out early this coming week and the YouTube video of today’s service will be uploaded sometime mid-week.)***

**Hymn of the Day: ELW # 644 ‘Although I Speak with Angel’s Tongue’**

1 Although I speak with angel's tongue,

 my faith, my knowledge all surpass,

 but have no love, my gifts are vain

 as clanging gong or blaring brass.

2 For love is patient, love is kind,

 and never vain with boasting pride;

 love bears all things, all things endures.

 All things must end; love will abide.

3 For now we peer at darkened glass;

 our visions end; our tongues all cease.

 In part we know, in part now see:

 then we will see love face to face.

4 The gifts are many, the Body one*,*

 and into one are all baptized.

 Beloved, share one heart, one mind,

 one hope, one faith, one love in Christ.

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**Blessing of the Seeds**

P: I invite us now to join our prayers in blessing for these seeds. If you have seeds with you, I invite you to hold them in your hands or even close to your heart. If you do not have seeds, I invite you to raise a hand as a gesture of blessings for all the seeds in our midst. Let us pray,

God our Creator, you have given us many gifts in creation and you have asked us to care for them all. We ask your blessing on these seeds as we go forth to plant this spring.

I invite you, in this space, to offer a silent prayer asking God to bless the seeds.

As we care for them, help us remember to also care for those in need so that your love and goodness may grow in our hearts and in the hearts of all we meet.

I invite you, in this space, to offer a silent prayer asking God to bless our neighbors who will eat the food we grow here.

Generous God, bless our labour with rain and sunshine, that new life might spring up, to your glory – providing food for the hungry, beauty for our souls, and gardens of calm in our chaotic world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, through whom all things were made. Amen.

*Prayers of Intercession & Blessing of the seeds adapted from: “Garden Blessing – New Life”* [*www.wildchurchnetwork.com*](http://www.wildchurchnetwork.com)

**Prayers of Intercession:**

(Each petition will end with By the power of the Spirit we pray…’, and the

Congregation will sing – **God of mercy, hear our prayer.\*\***

A: We join our prayers for the wellbeing of God’s whole creation. (brief silence)

Your love is all there is, God, and we thank you for giving us a glimpse of it, your real reality. We pray for all creation to be re-connected to this truth: the greatest of these is Love. By the power of the Spirit we pray…

**God of mercy, hear our prayer.\*\***

For those who put so much energy into appearing good while actually being unmoored underneath, we ask for your love to anchor them. For those longing for a community where they can be real – a place to practice becoming who you made them to be – we ask for your grace to surround them. For those who have been on the receiving end of unloving behavior – especially those who have been told to bear abuse in your name – we ask for your truth to set them free. May your world know you more fully than we do today and reflect your love for one another. By the power of the Spirit we pray… **God of mercy, hear our prayer.\*\***

For those who yearn for peace and safety in a world that too often is anything but safe and peaceful, we ask for your love to break swords into ploughshares. We pray for the people of Gaza and the unfolding humanitarian crisis as we long for a ceasefire and the will to work towards a just peace in the Holy Land. We pray for the Jewish and Muslim communities here in Canada, and for your love to bring an end to hateful rhetoric and blame. By the power of the Spirit we pray… **God of mercy, hear our prayer.\*\***

For those who yearn for the healing power of your love to sustain them in body, in mind, and in spirit. Especially we pray for Linda, Luis, each beloved child on our prayer list, and those we name before you now out loud or silently in our hearts… By the power of the Spirit we pray… **God of mercy, hear our prayer.\*\***

We especially lift up prayers today for your Church, struggling to proclaim your good news without warping the already dim reflection we see. For those who slip easily into insisting on our own way, and those whose resentment is just under the surface, and those who are indeed envious of the seeming success of other places in your Body, we pray for the wisdom and strength to bear your calling, to trust your presence, to live in hope, to stand firm in the love you have poured out so freely. By the power of the Spirit we pray… **God of mercy, hear our prayer.\*\***

Form your people, O God, in habits of love, that all we say and do may reflect your glory and proclaim your goodness. We ask in the name of the risen Lord. **Amen.**

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**Share the peace of Christ:**

P: Christ gives us the gift of peace that it might take root and grow in our homes, our communities, and all of creation. The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us share a sign of this peace with one another, a sign of our commitment to spread Christ’s peace far and wide.

**Offering**

**Offering Hymn: ELW # 481 ‘Come to the Table’**

Come to the table of mercy,

prepared with the wine and the bread.

All who are hungry and thirsty,

come, and your souls will be fed.

Come at the Lord's invitation;

receive from his nail-scarred hand.

Eat of the bread of salvation;

drink of the blood of the Lamb.

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**Offering Prayer:**

A: Risen One,

you call us to believe and bear fruit.

May the gifts that we offer here

be signs of your abiding love.

Form us to be your witnesses in the world,

through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

**Amen.\***

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**You are invited to prepare your table with bread and wine, or crackers and juice, whatever is available to you, so that you may participate in the meal.**

**Meal: Click here for the communion liturgy from worship on YouTube:**

[**https://youtu.be/ViXmTzRsfU4**](https://youtu.be/ViXmTzRsfU4)

**Great Thanksgiving: ACS Setting 12: ‘Dialogue…’ (page 36) (spoken)**

The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise**

**ELW Setting 12: ‘Preface…’ *(Easter)***

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:

**Hymn: ACS # 1089 ‘Holy, Holy, Holy’**

 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of might and mercy,

 your glory fills all heaven and earth. You are holy, God.

 Blessed be the Savior, the one who comes in your name.

 Hosanna in the highest.

 You are holy, God.

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**Thanksgiving at the Table:**

On the night before he showed us the full extent of his love,

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.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**The Lord’s Prayer *(sung)***

O Holy One, who calls me beloved,

You are in the air we breathe.

Your name, and all that You have made, is beautiful.

Bring forth your jubilee!

Give life to your dreams in heaven and on earth.

Nourish and sustain our bodies.

Release our debts as we release the debts of others.

Do not let us turn from you.

In hardship and in peril, stay with us.

**Amen.**

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**Invitation to Communion:**

This is Christ’s table where all are nourished and none go away empty. Come, taste, and see that the Lord is good.

I invite those at home, and those in the building communing by fellowship cup, to take your bread or cracker as we say together, “The body of Christ, given for us.”

And, as we take our cup we say, “The blood of Christ, shed for us.”

**Communion Music: ACS # 1056 ‘God Bless to Us Our Bread’ *&***

**ELW # 804 ‘Come Down, O Love Divine’**

**ACS # 1056 ‘God Bless to Us Our Bread’**

God bless to us our bread,

and give bread to all those who are hungry,

and hunger for justice to those who are fed.

God bless to us our bread.

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**ELW # 804 ‘Come Down, O Love Divine’**

1 Come down, O Love divine;

 seek thou this soul of mine

 and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;

 O Comforter, draw near;

 within my heart appear

 and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

2 Oh, let it freely burn,

 till worldly passions turn

 to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;

 and let thy glorious light

 shine ever on my sight,

 and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

3 Let holy charity

 mine outward vesture be,

 and lowliness become mine inner clothing--

 true lowliness of heart,

 which takes the humbler part,

 and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

4 And so the yearning strong,

 with which the soul will long,

 shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;

 no soul can guess Love's grace

 till it become the place

 wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

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P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you, in his grace.

***C: Amen.***

**Prayer after Communion:**

A: Shepherding God,

you have prepared a table before us

and nourished us with your love.

Send us forth from this banquet

to proclaim your goodness

and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,

our redeemer and friend.

Amen.\*

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**Blessing:**

P: Take a deep breath…

feel the Spirit filling not only your lungs

but your whole Self…

Go from this time of worship

with the blessing of God,

to persist in faith, hope, and love,

in all situations and every circumstance

for the love of this blessed creation.

Amen.

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**Sending Hymn: ACS # 1084 ‘God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me’ *(O Christ, Surround Me)***

1 God, be the love to search and keep me;

 God, be the prayer to move my voice;

 God, be the strength to now uphold me:

***Refrain***

 ***O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.***

2 Bind to myself the name of Holy,

 great cloud of witnesses enfold;

 prophets, apostles, angels witness: ***Refrain***

3 Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight,

 flashing of lightning, strength of wind,

 depth of the sea to soil of planet: ***Refrain***

4 Walking behind to hem my journey,

 going ahead to light my way,

 and from beneath, above, and all ways: ***Refrain***

5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me,

 Christ in the ears that hear my voice,

 Christ in the hearts of all who know me: ***Refrain***

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**Dismissal:**

A: Alleluia! Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God.  Alleluia! \***

**Prayer at the Jesus Garden**

P: “Creator God,
in the beginning you planted a garden, and filled it with animals, birds, insects,
and seed-bearing plants. In the garden you first met us, your creatures.
In the garden Jesus agonized over the path of suffering love,
in the garden he rose to make all creation new.
And so we pray for this growing place - our St Peter’s Jesus Garden.

We give thanks and pray for bees, the butterflies, and all the pollinators whose labour joins with ours in producing an abundant harvest.

We give thanks and pray for the Speed River, the Grand River, and all the waters of the Lake Erie watershed that sustain and nourish our crops and gardens.

We give thanks and pray for all those who will labour in this garden this season.
May this Jesus Garden be a place not only of fertile soil, abundant food, and joyful labor,
but also a place of learning to tend and keep, bearing the fruit of healing and hope.
Creator God, we ask you to shower down your blessings on this garden.

Amen.”

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