

A graphic featuring a dark blue cross at the top, with a series of concentric circles in shades of blue and teal below it. The text "HOW THE CHURCH ACTS" is written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the circles.

HOW THE CHURCH ACTS

WELCOME!

Families are valued here! Thank you for trusting us with your time and spiritual care. Kids activity sheets and crayons are available on tables as you enter worship.

Two family-friendly rooms are located to the left and right of the main level sanctuary. One room is exclusively for nursing moms while the other is available for families who might need a quieter environment or simply more space to move during worship.

Kids Care is available during the 10:45 AM worship service in the Kids Ministry hallway. Little ones (Birth–Pre-K) will be welcomed into an engaging and fun experience. They will learn how much God loves them, what a special creation they are, and how Jesus wants to be their best friend forever!

HOLY COMMUNION

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper as instituted by Jesus the night before He died. In keeping with 1 Corinthians 11:26-29, we ask everyone seeking communion to examine themselves by asking:

Am I sorry for my sins and desire forgiveness?

Do I believe that Jesus, by His death, offers me forgiveness?

Do I believe that I receive the true body and blood of Christ with the bread and wine?

Do I desire, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to turn from my sinful ways?

All who trust in these words of Christ, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," who share our confession of faith, and can answer "Yes!" to the questions above, are invited to join us in this celebration!

If you choose not to commune with us, we invite you and any children who have not yet received communion instruction to come forward to receive a blessing. To communicate that you want a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms when you come forward. For those who prefer, we offer grape juice and gluten-free wafers. Grape juice is in the center of the communion trays, and you can ask for a gluten-free wafer when you come forward.

Our worship assistants and ushers are available to bring communion to those unable to come to the rail. To indicate that you need this service, please speak to one of our team members with the blue-colored lanyards before communion, and they will make sure to bring it to you.

*Please speak with a Pastor before the service
if you have questions regarding communion.*

Prelude

Announcements

Welcome

Please stand

Passing of the Peace

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -

sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,
strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter

Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less
Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
Bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I

glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my

ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.
res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

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Invocation

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

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P** As we approach the Table that is set for us, let us first examine ourselves. With abundant generosity, God created the universe, the earth, all creatures, and each of us. He daily blesses and sustains us and all creation. Yet by our sin, God's good creation is broken. So let us confess our sin and hear again God's re-creating word of forgiveness.
- C** **We confess to You, O Lord, that we are naturally inclined to sin and self-centeredness. We have sinned in thought, word, and deed. In addition to the wrong things we have done, we have also left many good things undone. Forgive us and renew us, O Lord.**
- P** Take heart! Jesus has come to forgive your sins and He will one day return and make all creation new. Until that day, we daily and richly experience the newness of God's forgiveness. With joy, I, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus, declare to you His forgiveness. By the command of Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, and His mercy endures forever.**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy
love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,
How I'll sing Thy won-drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er
tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine
an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

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Words of Institution

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Please be seated

Communion

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
 3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
 To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
 And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
 With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
 O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
 Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

Text: Latin, 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt. Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois
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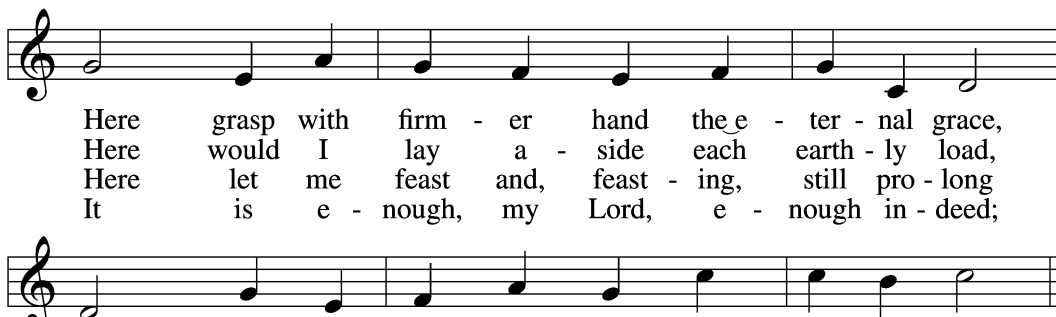
Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face



1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
 2 Here would I feed up - on the bread of God,
 3 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
 4 I have no help but Thine; nor do I need



Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;
 Here drink with Thee the roy - al wine of heav'n;
 This is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread for me;
 An - oth - er arm but Thine to lean up - on.



Here grasp with firm - er hand the e - ter - nal grace,
 Here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,
 Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long
 It is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;

And all my wea - ri - ness up - on Thee lean.
 Here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - giv'n.
 The brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with Thee.
 My strength is in Thy might, Thy might a - lone.

- 5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;
 Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;
 Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
 Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.
- 6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;
 The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
 The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;
 Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.
- 7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
 Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
 Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
 The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-89, alt. Tune: Henry Lawes, 1595-1662 Text and tune: Public domain

Dismissal

Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.
 We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Offering & Connect



GIVE



GUEST

Reading

Acts 7:54–60; 8:1–8

When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. ⁵⁵ But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ “Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” ⁵⁷ At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, ⁵⁸ dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰ Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep.

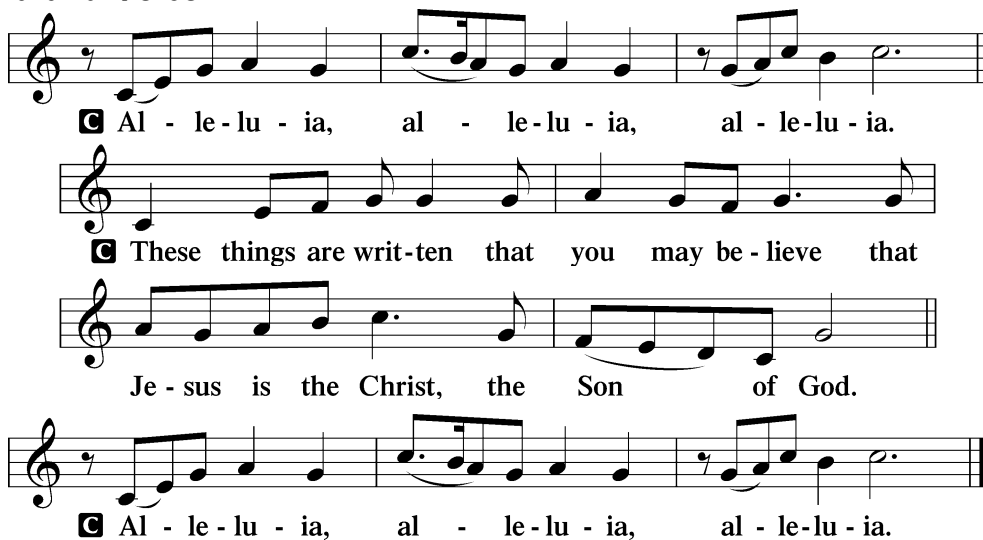
On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. ² Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. ³ But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison. ⁴ Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went. ⁵ Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah there. ⁶ When the crowds heard Philip and saw the signs he performed, they all paid close attention to what he said. ⁷ For with shrieks, impure spirits came out of many, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. ⁸ So there was great joy in that city.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Alleluia and Verse



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 12:23-26

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus replied, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ²⁵ Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon

Built on the Rock



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when
 2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His
 5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the



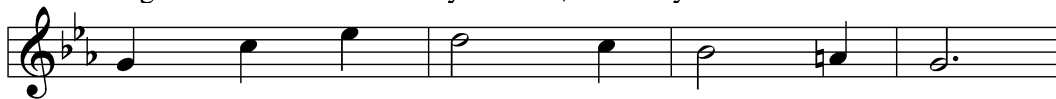
stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in
 High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal
 church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -
 tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -
 grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -
 faith may come Where Christ His mes - sage is bring -



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,
 ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove
 tion. Were we but two His name to tell,
 ing: "I know My own; My own know Me.



But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,
 Choos - es to live with us in love,
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell
 You, not the world, My face shall see.



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
 Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.
 With all His grace and His fa - vor.
 My peace I leave with you. A - men."

Text: Nikolai Fredrik Severin Grundtvig, 1783–1872, abr.; tr. Carl Döving, 1867–1937, alt. Tune: Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–87
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Please stand

Prayers

We pray for our nation and all in authority, that God would grant wisdom, preserve peace, protect the innocent, and unite us in justice and righteousness.

We pray for persecuted Christians around the world.

We pray for our sick and hospitalized.

We pray for the safety of all those traveling next weekend for the 4th of July.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Benediction

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.

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

The musical notation consists of three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The first staff has two lines of lyrics, the second staff has two lines, and the third staff has two lines.

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,
The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.
The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.
The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed
Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,



The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.

The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;

Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
U-nite us as one in this life that we share.

His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us
Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing

To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.
Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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Postlude

St. Peter's is a place where you can breathe and belong. So we'd love for you to join us for coffee and donuts in the school lobby! Afterward, stick around for Sunday Morning Bible Groups – there's a place for everyone!

SERMON NOTES

Main Idea: The church grows not in comfort, but in challenge and mission.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH MINISTRY

LCMS National Youth Gathering New Orleans July 18-24 (9th-12th Graders)

Prayers for all participants (73 students and 16 adults) - May God strengthen and deepen our faith and relationships with one another. We ask for safe travels, good health, and energy and endurance.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE GROUP SPECIAL: DR. RICH RUDOWSKE ON ACTS 28

Join us as we wrap up our Sunday Morning Bible Group (SMBG) series on the Book of



Acts on Sunday July 27 with a special session taught by a guest speaker Rev. Dr. Rich Rudowske. Dr. Rudowske brings a wealth of missional insight and a passion for God's Word. As Executive Director of Lutheran Bible Translators, he has served around the world, including five years in Botswana helping the Shekgalagari language community translate the New Testament into a previously unwritten language. He also contributes globally as

vice-chair of the Forum of Bible Agencies International and as part of the Every Tribe Every Nation alliance working toward Bible access for all people by 2033. Come hear how the final chapter of Acts connects with God's global mission today—and what it means for us here and now.

SUMMER 2025 CAMPUS LOGISTICS - "OPERATION NO SURPRISE"

- **Playground Project** - goal is to wrap up by or before July 31
- **The building will be closed** during the day on Fridays through July 25
- **Sanctuary Roof Project** - goal is to wrap up by or before July 31
- **Renovation of the upstairs of The Den** - goal is to wrap up by or before July 4 -
The Den will be closed during this time.
- **Indiana Lutheran Principals Conference**, July 14-15.



20th ANNIVERSARY - SPRINT WITH THE SPIRIT 5K

Registration is now open! Saturday, August 16 @ 8am.
Scan the QR code to register! Race Day registration opens at 7:00am



THE OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON JULY 4 IN OBSERVANCE OF THE HOLIDAY.

LUNCH & LEARN THURSDAYS

Thursdays, June 19-July 31, 11:30am – 2:00pm in room 2164

Join us for a light lunch followed by a 7-week Bible study, *Walking with God in the Desert*, led by Eric Pankow. The study explores God's deliverance from sin, life's desert journeys, and the sustaining power of His Word—featuring video-based insights from the geography and archaeology of Israel's wilderness.



Lunch and Learn

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY - REVELATION

Tuesdays, 10:00am – 11:00am in room 2164

We will take a break from meeting for three weeks. Our next class will be on July 1st. If you have missed any classes, you can catch up online through our Pastor Bible Study podcast. The class emphasizes the book's message of hope, comfort, and victory for the Church amid persecution and chaos.



Listen Here

NOW HIRING

We are seeking Cafeteria Food Service Assistants to assist with the daily preparation and serving of the school lunch for the school students and staff. The role will include assisting with maintaining a clean kitchen and cafeteria, while helping create a warm, Christ-centered environment where students are nourished both physically and spiritually. Contact Aaron Littmann, Director of Ministry Operations 812-372-1571 x2140 alittmann@stpeters-columbus.org

We are also seeking two school positions. Contact Principal Paul Meredith at 812-372-5266 or pmeredith@stpeters-columbus.org to apply.

- Resource Aide Starts in August
- 4th Grade Teacher Starts in September for long-term maternity leave.

KIDS CAMP - TEDDY BEAR LOVE FUND SPONSORS

Thank you to our business sponsors who helped us reach our goal of building 1,000 stuffed animals at our missions station at Kids Camp last week.

Gold \$500 - White River Running Co., Wagner Realtors, Greater Horizon Financial Group

Silver \$250 - ReMax Real Estate (Jean Donica & Annette Donica Blythe)



SERVING

Preacher: Pastor Tim Carter
Worship Leader: Pastor Adam Rodriguez
Organist: Lindsey Fugill

WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICES

Contemporary: 6pm Saturdays and 10:45am Sundays
Traditional: 8am Sundays and 7pm Wednesdays

TO SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST

Call 812-372-1571 x2121 or complete the Prayer Request Form at: stpeterscolumbus.org

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The flowers, in memory of Minnie Schultz, are presented to the glory of God by St. Peter's Foundation.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR

How our donations add up to fuel our Mission!

JULY 2024–MAY 2025 ACTUALS

1 OFFERINGS

Where donations are most needed to support our ministries.

YTD: \$3,440,228
YTD Budget: \$3,387,300
Difference: +\$52,928
Goal for year: \$3,640,300

2 SGO GIFTS

Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization

A creative way to support our School Ministry.

YTD: \$1,049,464
Goal: \$760,000
Difference: +\$289,464
Goal for year: \$775,000



SPECIAL GIFTS

Support ministry-specific projects or where most needed, both in-budget and out-of-budget. Gifts help to ensure budgeted projects are implemented.

YTD: \$331,010
YTD Budget: \$327,065
Difference: +\$3,945
Goal for year: \$336,615

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