

# St Peter Lutheran Church

Easter

March 31, 2024

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## Welcome

**P**: The Lord is Risen!

**C**: **He is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!**

**P**: By our baptism then, we were buried with Him

**C**: **And shared His death**

**P**: In order that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father,

**C**: **So also we might live a new life.** (Rom:6-3-4)

## Opening Hymn Jesus Christ is Risen Today LSB 457

1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing,  
Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav'nly king,  
Alleluia! Who endured the cross and  
grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and  
save. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which He endured,  
Alleluia! Our salvation have procured;  
Alleluia! Now above the sky He's king,  
Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing.  
Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!  
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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**P**: We begin in the Name of God the Father, **C**: **Who gives us life.**

**P**: We begin in the Name of God the Son, **C**: **Who gave His life for our salvation.**

**P**: We begin in the Name of God the Holy Spirit, **C**: **Who renews our life.**

**P**: Alleluia! Christ is Risen! **C**: **He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## Song of Praise Christ the Lord is Risen Today LSB 469 v 1-2

Christ the Lord is ris'n today!  
All on earth with angles say;  
Raise you joys and triumphs high;  
Sing, ye heav'ns and, earth reply.

Love's redeeming work is done.  
Fought the fight, the battle won;  
Lo! Our sun's eclipse is o'er.  
Lo! He sets in blood no more

**P:** As we prepare to confess our sins unto God, we remember the great sacrifice God made when He gave His One and Only Son to die to pay for our sins.

On this glorious, holy morning, let us praise and thank God for His goodness! Glory be to You. O Lord God Almighty, for You have overcome death, and granted resurrection life to Your obedient Son, Jesus Christ, that the way to eternal life might be opened to all who will trust and believe in Him.

**C: We Rejoice for our Redeemer Lives!**

**P:** Let us be joyful in the new hope which Jesus' resurrection gives to all believers! As Christ lives, we pray that we too, may have a new life, after we pass through the portals of death.

**C: Grant this, by Your almighty power!**

**P:** Let us ask God's help to put aside the old flavorings of sinful living. Call and challenge us, Heavenly Father, to put aside our grudges, our jealousies, our hatreds; for they lead us to unhappiness, and loneliness, and strife.

**C: Forgive and cleanse us, O Lord!**

**P:** Let us take the joy of the resurrection into all we do. Through the hope of the resurrection, O God, free us from our burden of sin and fear and fire us with the spirit of new life now; that our living may bring your rule into our world, and share your perfect love with all.

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**P:** Your gracious Father in heaven comes to you this Easter morning and says, "I forgive you, My son, My daughter. Go in peace." God counts as righteous "those who believe in Him that raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was put to death for our trespasses and raised for our justification." "We that were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life." **C: Amen.**

**Praise Response** A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing LSB 493 (vs. 6)

O risen Christ, ascended Lord, All praise to you let earth accord: Alleluia, Alleluia!  
You are, while endless ages run, With Father and with Spirit One.  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**P**: The peace of our Risen Lord be with you!    **C**: **And also with you!**

### **Prayer of the Day**

**P**: O God, for our redemption you have given Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by His glorious resurrection You have delivered us from the power of our enemy. Therefore, grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day a new man may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.    **C**: **Amen.**

### **The Responsive Scripture Reading**

**P**: The next evening, when the Sabbath ended. Mary Magdalene and Salome and Mary the mother of James went out and purchased embalming spices.

**C**: **Early the following morning, just at sunrise, they carried them out to the tomb. On the way they were discussing how they could ever roll aside the huge stone from the entrance.**

**P**: But when they arrived they looked up and saw the stone - a very heavy one -was already moved away and the entrance was open! So they entered the tomb –and there on the right sat a young man clothed in white.

**C**: **The women were startled, but the angel said, "Don't be so surprised. Aren't you looking for Jesus, the Nazarene who was crucified? He isn't here! He has come back to life!"**

(Luke 24:1-5)

**P**: Death came into the world because of what one man (Adam) did, and it is because of what this other man (Christ) has done that now there is the resurrection from the dead.

**C**: **Everyone dies because all of us are related to Adam, being members of his sinful race, and where ever there is sin, death results. But all who are related to Christ will rise again.**

(1 Cor. 15:21 - 22)

**P**: I am telling you this strange and wonderful secret; we shall not all die, but we shall all be given new bodies!

**C**: **For our earthly bodies, the ones we have now that can die, must be transformed into heavenly bodies that cannot perish but will live forever.**

**P**: When this happens, then at last this Scripture will come true - "Death is swallowed up in victory." O death, where then your victory? Where then your sting? For sin - the sting that causes death - will all be gone; and the law, which reveals our sins, will no longer be our

judge. How we thank God for all of this! It is He who makes us victorious through Jesus Christ our Lord!

**C:** **So my dear brothers, since future victory is sure, be strong and steady, always abounding in the Lord's work, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever wasted as it would be if there were no resurrection.** (1 Cor. 15:51-58)

**Sermon** Looking Through the Door Mark 16:1-8

**Sermon Hymn** "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" LSB 461 v 1-5, 8

1 I know that my Redeemer lives;  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever-living head.

3 He lives to bless me with His love;  
He lives to plead for me above;  
He lives my hungry soul to feed;  
He lives to help in time of need.

5 He lives to silence all my fears; He  
lives to wipe away my tears;  
He lives to calm my troubled heart; He  
lives all blessings to impart.

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2 He lives triumphant from the  
grave;  
He lives eternally to save;  
He lives all-glorious in the sky;  
He lives exalted there on high  
4 He lives to grant me rich supply;  
He lives to guide me with His eye;  
He lives to comfort me when faint;  
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

8 He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

### **The Nicene Creed**

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 on the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall 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.

### **Easter Prayer for Hope**

P: Holy Triune God, on this day of resurrection, we praise Your Name for the sudden surprise of life from death, for "The stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner."

C: **"This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it."** (Ps 118:22-24)

P: On this happy day of resurrection, O Lord God, give to us hope, hope of sin conquered through the cross of Christ and teach us to say:

C: **Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God.** (Romans 5:1-2)

P: On this blessed day of victory over Satan's power, give to us hope, O Lord God, the hope of eternal life, and teach us to say:

C: **"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and to an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you."** (1 Peter 1:3-4)

P: When trial and suffering rob us of joy and lead us toward hopelessness, give us Easter hope, O God, that we may:

C: **"Rejoice in our suffering, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts."** (Romans 5:3-5)

P: When we begin to lose our zeal for You, O God, and our spirits grow weary in serving, give us Easter hope, that we may know:

C: **"What is the hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power in us who believe, according to the working of His great might which He accomplished in Christ when He raised Him from the dead."** (Eph. 1:18-20)

P: Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Conqueror, the Victor, the Giver of life, for you have conquered sin and death.

C: **We give You our praise and thanksgiving, risen Lord, forever. Amen!**

## The Prayers of The People

### The Lord's Prayer

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 Institution

**P**: The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **C**: **And also with you.**

### Agnus Dei      LW 278 (vs. 1)

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark how the heav'nly anthems drown, All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.

### Distribution of Holy Communion

#### **"Living Hope"**

##### **Verse 1**

How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night  
Then through the darkness Your loving-  
kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished the end is written  
Jesus Christ my living hope

##### **Chorus**

**Hallelujah praise the One who set me  
free Hallelujah death has lost its grip on  
me You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope**

##### **Verse 2**

Who could imagine so great a mercy  
What heart could fathom such boundless  
grace  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken I am forgiven  
The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever  
Jesus Christ my living hope

##### **Verse 3**

Then came the morning that sealed the  
promise Your buried body began to  
breathe Out of the silence the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me  
(REPEAT) Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

## Ending

Jesus Christ my living hope

Oh God You are my living hope

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### 478 The Day of Resurrection

1 The day of resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad,  
The passover of gladness,  
The passover of God.  
From death to life eternal,  
From sin's dominion free,  
Our Christ has brought us over  
With hymns of victory.

3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful,  
Let earth its song begin,  
Let all the world keep triumph  
And all that is therein.  
Let all things, seen and unseen,  
Their notes of gladness blend;  
For Christ the Lord has risen,  
Our joy that has no end!

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### My Redeemer Lives

I know He rescued my soul  
His blood has covered my sin  
I believe, I believe  
My shame He's taken away  
My pain is healed in His name  
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2 Let hearts be purged of evil  
That we may see aright  
The Lord in rays eternal  
Of resurrection light  
And, list'ning to His accents,  
May hear, so calm and plain,  
His own "All hail!" and, hearing,  
May raise the victor strain.

△ 4 All praise to God the Father,  
All praise to God the Son,  
All praise to God the Spirit,  
Eternal Three in One!  
Let all the ransomed number  
Fall down before the throne  
And honor, pow'r, and glory  
Ascribe to God alone!

(Pre-Chorus) I'll raise a banner  
'Cause my Lord has conquered the grave

**Chorus:** My Redeemer lives  
My Redeemer lives  
My Redeemer lives  
My Redeemer lives

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**Chorus:** My Redeemer lives  
My Redeemer lives  
My Redeemer lives  
My Redeemer lives (x2)

**(Bridge)**You lift my burdens I'll rise with You I'm dancing on this mountaintop To see Your kingdom come **Chorus 2X**

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**“Glory to the Lamb”** (Larry Dempsey)

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb.

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb.

**Chorus:** For He is glorious and worthy to be praised. The Lamb upon the throne;  
And unto Him we lift our voice in praise, The Lamb upon the throne.

Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb.

Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb.

**Chorus**

Holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.

**Chorus 2X**

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**Post Communion Canticle** LSB 507 (vs. 4)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

**P:** Christ is Risen! **G:** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**P:** May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. (Heb 13:20-22)

**G:** Amen

**Closing Hymn 480 He's Risen, He's Risen**

1 He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the  
Lord; He opened death's prison,  
the incarnate, true Word.  
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in  
jubilant song  
And earth, sea, and mountain their  
praises prolong.

2 The foe was triumphant when on  
Calvary The Lord of creation was  
nailed to the tree.  
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout  
and jeer,  
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil  
ones fear.



3 But short was their triumph; the Savior  
arose, And death, hell, and Satan He  
vanquished, His foes.  
The conquering Lord lifts His banner  
on high;  
He lives, yes, He lives, and will  
nevermore die.

4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear  
you no more; Christ rose, and now  
open is fair Eden's door.  
For all our transgressions His blood  
does atone;  
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are  
His own.

△ 5 Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice; Proclaim the blest tidings that all may  
rejoice. Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain: With Father and Spirit He ever  
shall reign.

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