

St Peter Lutheran Church

Order of Worship

10am Service - Easter Sunday April 20, 2025

Prelude: Jesus Loves Me by Sunday School Bell Choir

Welcome

"Alleluia! Christ is risen!" "He is risen indeed! Alleluia!" This ancient greeting sounds among us again today, for today the Church celebrates Easter. The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Christ has defeated sin, death, and the devil and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Today, we welcome you to come and be a part of God's people who gather to remember and to rejoice in what Christ has done.

(Please stand, as you are able)

Procession of the Cross

LSB 457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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| 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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Call to Worship

- P** O give thanks to the Lord, for He is gracious:
C **His mercy endures forever.**
P He who loved us from all eternity:
C **His mercy endures forever.**
P He remembered us captive to sin and death:

C His mercy endures forever.

P For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven:

C His mercy endures forever.

P He was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man:

C His mercy endures forever.

P By His suffering and death, His cross and Passion, He redeemed the world:

C His mercy endures forever.

P He has cleansed us from all our sins with His own blood:

C His mercy endures forever.

P On the third day, He rose again from the dead:

C His mercy endures forever.

P He has won for us the victory over sin and death:

C His mercy endures forever.

P He lives to bring the fruits of His redemption to all who will believe in Him:

C His mercy endures forever.

P Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed!

Confession and Absolution

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

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying:

C God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

(We pause for a moment of silence for personal confession and reflection)

P 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.

P Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Hymn of Praise, This Is the Feast LSB 155

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading, Job 19:23-27

"Oh that my words were written!

Oh that they were inscribed in a book!

²⁴ Oh that with an iron pen and lead
they were engraved in the rock forever!

²⁵ For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.^[a]

²⁶ And after my skin has been thus destroyed,

yet in^[b] my flesh I shall see God,
27 whom I shall see for myself,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
My heart faints within me!

L This is the Word of the Lord **G** Thanks be to God

Epistle Reading, 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

"Death is swallowed up in victory."

⁵⁵ "O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?"

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

L This is the Word of the Lord **G** Thanks be to God

(Please stand as you are able)

477 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

1 Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:

Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;

He who on the cross a victim For the world's salvation bled—

Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, Now is risen from the dead.

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The Holy Gospel, John 20:1-18

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John **G** Glory to You, O Lord

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴ Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷ and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' ^[a] head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other

disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹² And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴ Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, ^[b] "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

[L] This is the Gospel of the Lord **[C]** **Praise to You, O Christ!**

477 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

2 Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:
See the ancient pow'rs of evil In confusion and retreat;
Once He died, and once was buried: Now He lives forevermore,
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, Whom we worship and adore.
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(Please be seated)

Children's Message

Sermon

Sermon Song LSB 477 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

- △ 3 Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high:
Alleluia to the Savior Who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia To the triune Majesty!

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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 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.**

The Peace of the Lord

Offering

Prayers

- P** On the first day of the week, You rolled away the stone from the tomb and opened up life for all who believe, that we might remember Christ's death and live in Him both now and forevermore; roll away the stones of doubt, fear, and death in our lives; Lord, in Your mercy.
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** You call us to remember His death for us, which gives us life, and to live in Him the new life born in us by Baptism, for Your glory and as witnesses and heralds of Your eternal kingdom; open our voices to speak and our hearts to serve You as Your own people; Lord, in Your mercy.
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** You established Your Church to be the Body of Christ, remembering and proclaiming His Word and living in anticipation of the everlasting life to come; bless all who serve Your Church in Your name; Lord, in Your mercy.
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** You released us from the prison of our sins that we might be free from death; set free all who live in bondage to sin, in captivity to fear, chained to addiction, and enslaved to evil; Lord, in Your mercy.
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** You raise us up as new people by Baptism and faith and have set us apart for a new calling as the instruments of Your love to those in need; give us courage and compassion that we may touch the lives of many with the love Christ has shown to us; Lord, in Your mercy.
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** You set Your table before us, the remembrance of the Passover fulfilled and the anticipation of the future prepared for us; give us faith that we may receive this Holy Communion for our benefit and show forth love for You and for neighbor in Your name; Lord, in Your mercy.
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** You address the sick and the suffering with Your grace to heal, relieve, and restore—give to all the sick, the wounded, the grieving, and the dying the full measure of Your healing grace to support them in their need . . . Lord, in Your mercy.
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** You endow Your people with talents and skills, for art and beauty and for utility and industry, so that You may be glorified and all Your people blessed; give Your blessing to all our efforts and energies that we may be wise and faithful in all Your blessings; Lord, in Your mercy.
- C** **Hear our prayer.**

- P** You send us forth in Your name as a people carrying a message of hope to those who have none and as the servants through whom You speak Your Word to the world; bless all the ministries of witness and welcome of this congregation; Lord, in Your mercy.
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** Our Father and our God, You bid us pray with confidence, knowing that You hear and answer Your people; give us such trust in Your will that we may rejoice in Your answer; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

- 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.

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you. **C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts. **C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P** It is truly good, right, and our duty at all times and in all places to give You thanks, Holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. But chiefly do we praise You for the resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who paid in full the price of our redemption and overcame death and the grave for us. Keep us with Him that remembering His triumph we may be sustained to that day when He comes to finish His new creation and bring to completion all things. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

LSB 161 Sanctus

- C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Almighty God, You have delivered to us the Passover Lamb, who takes away the sins of the world. By His death, He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again He has restored us to everlasting life. Give to Your people Your Spirit that we may believe in Jesus Christ in our hearts, confess Him with our lips, and show forth His righteousness in our lives. Grant that we who receive Him in this Holy Communion may be united in faith and in hope as Your baptized people and glorify You in all things.

The Word of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

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

Agnus Dei

- C** **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Distribution *(Please be seated)*

St Peter's Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is a special gift given by Jesus Christ to all baptized believers in the community of faith. In preparing for the Lord's Supper, we are to reflect upon the following questions:

1. Do I believe that I am a sinner in need of God's forgiveness?
2. Do I believe that, within this Sacrament, the bread and wine are Christ's true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins?
3. Do I promise, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to amend my sinful life?
4. Do I confess and believe the same doctrines of faith as the church body with which I am about to commune?

If you are having difficulty in answering "yes" to any of the above questions, please follow the guide of Scripture and refrain from taking communion today. Our Pastor would be glad to visit with you after the service to answer any questions you may have about our Communion practice.

If you require a gluten free wafer, please signal to Pastor by holding up your index finger in front of you.

Non-alcoholic white grape juice is available in the center of the tray, for those with alcohol sensitivities

O Come To The Altar

1. Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

2. Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

Chorus 2X

3. Bear your cross as you wait for the crown Tell the world of the treasure you've found

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LSB 474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! Refrain

2 Walking the way, Christ in the center
Telling the story to open our eyes;
Breaking our bread, Giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.
Refrain

4 Weeping, be gone; Sorrow, be silent:
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: "O grave, be open!"
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.
Refrain

Chorus: O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Bridge

Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen!
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen!

Chorus 2X

ref **Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

3 Jesus the vine, We are the branches;
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
Heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
Gift of the future now flowing to me.
Refrain

5 City of God, Easter forever,
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
River of life, Saints and archangels,
Sing with creation to God the I AM!
Refrain

LSB 633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

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| 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from His pierced side.
Alleluia! | 2 Praise we Him, whose love divine
Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast—
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
Alleluia! |
| 3 Where the paschal blood is poured,
Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Alleluia! | 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat we manna from above.
Alleluia! |
| 5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia! | 6 Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise.
Alleluia! |
| 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia! | △ 8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia! |

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547 The Lamb

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| 1 The Lamb, the Lamb,
O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes
God will provide the Lamb of price! Refrain | ref Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes
me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne! |
| 2 The Lamb, the Lamb,
One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb,
Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
Refrain | 3 The Lamb, the Lamb,
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will
On our behalf the Law to fill. Refrain |

4 He sighs, He dies,
He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives,
He gives me His own righteousness. Refrain

5 He rose, He rose,
My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong
Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. Refrain

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Thank the Lord

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

Post-Communion Collect

Let us pray.

Eternal God, gracious Father, we give You thanks that You have remembered Your covenant, bringing life and salvation to us through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Open our minds and hearts that we might remember our Lord's resurrection, rejoice in His victory over sin, death, and the power of the devil, and live as members of His kingdom in hope for the Kingdom that is yet to come; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Benediction

P Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

C Amen

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 Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Closing Song – LSB 461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

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| 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. | 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. |
| 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. | 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. |

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Procession of the Cross