

# St Peter Lutheran Church

## Order of Worship

*Palm Sunday    April 13, 2025*

### Welcome

#### Opening Song, LSB 443 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1 Hosanna, loud hosanna, The little children sang; Through pillared court and temple The lovely anthem rang. To Jesus, who had blessed them, Close folded to His breast, The children sang their praises, The simplest and the best.	2 From Olivet they followed Mid an exultant crowd, The victor palm branch waving And chanting clear and loud. The Lord of earth and heaven Rode on in lowly state Nor scorned that little children Should on His bidding wait.
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3 "Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing;  
For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heav'n our King.  
Oh, may we ever praise Him With heart and life and voice  
And in His blissful presence Eternally rejoice!

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*(Please stand, as you are able)*

### Call to Worship

**P** Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

**C Hosanna! Rejoice for the Lord is in our midst.**

**P** He comes with joy and hope.

**C He comes to set us free from fear.**

**P** Hosanna!

**C Hosanna! Glory to God in the Highest.**

### 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:

**G 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.

**G Amen.**

### **Responsive Psalm Reading, Psalm 31:9-16**

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress;

my eye is wasted from grief;

my soul and my body also.

<sup>10</sup>**For my life is spent with sorrow,**

**and my years with sighing;**

**my strength fails because of my iniquity,**

**and my bones waste away.**

<sup>11</sup>Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach,

especially to my neighbors,

and an object of dread to my acquaintances;

those who see me in the street flee from me.

<sup>12</sup>**I have been forgotten like one who is dead;**

**I have become like a broken vessel.**

<sup>13</sup>For I hear the whispering of many—

terror on every side!—

as they scheme together against me,

as they plot to take my life.

<sup>14</sup>**But I trust in you, O Lord;**

**I say, “You are my God.”**

<sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

<sup>16</sup>**Make your face shine on your servant;**

**save me in your steadfast love!**

### **Salutation and Collect**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**P** Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen** *(Please be seated)*

## **Old Testament Reading, Deuteronomy 32:36-39**

The Lord will vindicate his people  
and have compassion on his servants,  
when he sees that their power is gone  
and there is none remaining, bond or free.  
<sup>37</sup>Then he will say, "Where are their gods,  
the rock in which they took refuge,  
<sup>38</sup>who ate the fat of their sacrifices  
and drank the wine of their drink offering?  
Let them rise up and help you;  
let them be your protection!  
<sup>39</sup>"See now that I, even I, am he,  
and there is no god beside me;  
I kill and I make alive;  
I wound and I heal;  
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand."

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

## **Epistle Reading, Philippians 2:5-11**

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## **The Holy Gospel, John 12:12-36**

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

The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!"<sup>[a]</sup>

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"<sup>[b]</sup>

"Blessed is the king of Israel!"

<sup>14</sup> Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:

<sup>15</sup> "Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt."<sup>[c]</sup>

<sup>16</sup> At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him.

<sup>17</sup> Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. <sup>18</sup> Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him. <sup>19</sup> So the Pharisees said to one another, "See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!"

<sup>20</sup> Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. <sup>21</sup> They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup> Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> 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. <sup>25</sup> Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

<sup>27</sup> "Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. <sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name!"

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup> The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

<sup>30</sup> Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. <sup>31</sup> Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup> And I, when I am lifted up<sup>[d]</sup> from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup> He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

<sup>34</sup> The crowd spoke up, "We have heard from the Law that the Messiah will remain forever, so how can you say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this 'Son of Man'?"

<sup>35</sup> Then Jesus told them, "You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. Whoever walks in the dark does not know where they are going. <sup>36</sup> Believe in the light while you have the light, so that you may become children of light." When he had finished speaking, Jesus left and hid himself from them.

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord **G Praise to You, O Christ!**

*(Please be seated)*

## Sermon

### Sermon Song, LSB 441 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!

Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.

O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,

With palms and scattered garments strowed.

2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!

In lowly pomp ride on to die.

O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin

O'er captive death and conquered sin.

3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!

The angel armies of the sky

Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes

To see the approaching sacrifice.

4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!

Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.

The Father on His sapphire throne

Awaits His own anointed Son.

5 Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.

Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain, Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

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### Apostles' Creed

**G I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,**

**the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

**Peace of the Lord** (Please greet the people around you with God's peace)

## **Offering**

## **Prayers of the Church**

After each petition respond: **P** Lord in your mercy **C** **Hear our prayer**

## **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 salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin

and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## **Sanctus**

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## **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  $\text{†}$  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  $\text{†}$  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** 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## **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

## **God Will Make A Way**

**Chorus x2**

**God will make a way  
Where there seems to be no way  
He works in ways we cannot see  
He will make a way for me  
He will be my guide  
Hold me closely to His side  
With love and strength  
For each new day  
He will make a way  
He will make a way**

Verse

By a roadway in the wilderness  
He'll lead me  
And rivers in the desert will I see  
Heaven and earth will fade  
But His Word will still remain  
He will do something new today

**Final Chorus**

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## **"All We Like Sheep" by Katie Hill**

Each lamb is precious to Jesus our Shepherd  
We can't wander out of His Love.  
He gave His life for the least of His children,  
But every one needs Him because

God proved His love for us when He sent Jesus  
To show us the way we should live.  
We prove our love for Him when we obey Him,  
And keep the commandments He gives.

**Chorus 1**

**Instrumental**

**Chorus 1: All we like sheep have gone astray  
All we like sheep have wandered away. All  
we like sheep must learn to obey,  
And follow Him, follow Him, follow Him each  
day.**

**Final Chorus: All we like sheep have gone  
astray All we like sheep have wandered away.  
All we like sheep must learn to obey,  
And follow Him, follow Him,  
Follow Him, follow Him, follow Him each day.**



## 566 By Grace I'm Saved

1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;  
My soul, believe and doubt it not.

Why stagger at this word of promise?

Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?

No! Then this word must true remain:

By grace you too will life obtain.

3 By grace God's Son, our only Savior,

Came down to earth to bear our sin.

Was it because of your own merit

That Jesus died your soul to win?

No, it was grace, and grace alone,

That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.

5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,

In tribulation's furnace tried,

By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,

The Father's heart is open wide.

Where could I help and strength secure

If grace were not my anchor sure?

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2 By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;

Our works and conduct have no worth.

God in His love sent our Redeemer,

Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;

His death did for our sins atone,

And we are saved by grace alone.

4 By grace! This ground of faith is certain;

As long as God is true, it stands.

What saints have penned by inspiration,

What in His Word our God commands,

Our faith in what our God has done

Depends on grace—grace through His Son.

6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;

In Jesus' promise I rejoice;

For though I know my heart's condition,

I also know my Savior's voice.

My heart is glad, all grief has flown

Since I am saved by grace alone.

## "At the Cross"

(Randy Butler and Terry Butler)

**Verse:** I know a place, a wonderful place

Where accused and condemned find mercy and grace,

Where the wrongs we have done and the wrongs done to us

Were nailed there with Him, there on the cross.

**Chorus:** At the cross, He died for our sin.

At the cross, He gave us life again.

**Verse**

**Chorus 2X**

**Verse**

## Nunc Dimittis

**1 O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in  
heav'nly peace, For I have seen the  
glory Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your  
holy hill, The glory of Your people, Your  
chosen Israel.**

**2 All glory to the Father, All glory to the  
Son, All glory to the Spirit, Forever  
Three in One; For as in the beginning, Is  
now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding  
Through all eternity.**

## Post-Communion Collect

Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen**

## Benedicamus and Benediction

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**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** Go in peace!

**C Serve the Lord**

**P** Let us bless the Lord

**C Thanks be to God**

## Closing Song – Forever Reign

1. You are good, You are good  
When there's nothing good in me  
You are love, You are love On display for all to see  
You are light, You are light When the darkness closes in  
You are hope You are hope You have covered all my sin

2. You are peace, You are peace  
When my fear is crippling  
You are true, You are true Even in my wandering  
You are joy, You are joy You're the reason that I sing  
You are life, You are life In You death has lost its sting

**Chorus** (Oh), I'm running to Your arms  
I'm running to Your arms  
The riches of Your love  
Will always be enough  
Nothing compares to Your embrace  
Light of the world forever reign

3. You are more, You are more  
Than my words will ever say  
You are Lord, You are Lord All creation will proclaim  
You are here, You are here In Your presence I'm made whole  
You are God, You are God Of all else I'm letting go

**Chorus**

**Bridge** My heart will sing no other Name: Jesus Jesus **(REPEAT 4X)**

**Chorus 2 times**

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**Announcements**

I WONDER IF ANY  
OF THESE PEOPLE WITH  
PALM BRANCHES SAW  
GOOD FRIDAY COMING.

NOT  
LIKELY.



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AND IF THEY DID, THEY  
WOULD HAVE SEEN IT  
AS A DEFEAT - NOTHING  
"GOOD" ABOUT IT.



WELL, YOU KNOW WHAT THEY  
SAY: "SOMETIMES YOU CAN'T  
SEE THE MESSIAH FOR  
THE PALM BRANCHES."



JOHN 12:12-16

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