

# St Peter Lutheran Church

## Order of Worship

10am Service - Easter Sunday April 5, 2026

### Prelude: Laudamus Te

#### 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!<br>Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!<br>Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!<br>Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!            | 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing,<br>Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav'nly king,<br>Alleluia! Who endured the cross and grave,<br>Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save.<br>Alleluia! |
| 3 But the pains which He endured,<br>Alleluia!<br>Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!<br>Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!<br>Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia! | △ 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!<br>Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!<br>Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!<br>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, Exodus 14:10—15:1

When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>They said to Moses, "Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? <sup>12</sup>Is not this what we said to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." <sup>13</sup>And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today.

For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. <sup>14</sup>The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.”

<sup>15</sup>The Lord said to Moses, “Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. <sup>16</sup>Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. <sup>17</sup>And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. <sup>18</sup>And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.”

<sup>19</sup>Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, <sup>20</sup>coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night.

<sup>21</sup>Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. <sup>22</sup>And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. <sup>23</sup>The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh’s horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. <sup>24</sup>And in the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, <sup>25</sup>clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, “Let us flee from before Israel, for the Lord fights for them against the Egyptians.”

<sup>26</sup>Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.” <sup>27</sup>So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the Lord threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. <sup>28</sup>The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. <sup>29</sup>But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

<sup>30</sup>Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. <sup>31</sup>Israel saw the great power that the Lord used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the Lord, and they believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

<sup>1</sup>Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord, saying, “I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.”

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

## **Epistle Reading, 1 Corinthians 15:1–11**

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup>and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—

unless you believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

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

## **The Holy Gospel, Matthew 28:1–10**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew **C** **Glory to You, O Lord**

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." <sup>8</sup>So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

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

## **Sermon**

### **Sermon Song LSB 461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives**

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.
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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.

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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.

## **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

After each petition:

- 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 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. **Amen.**

## 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** 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

**Chorus:** O come to the altar

The Father's arms are open wide

Forgiveness was bought with

The precious blood of Jesus Christ

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

## 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

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

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## In the Garden

1. I come to the garden alone

While the dew is still on the roses

And the voice I hear falling on my ear

The Son of God discloses

And He walks with me

And He talks with me

And He tells me I am His own

And the joy we share as we tarry there

None other has ever known

2. He speaks and the sound of His voice

Is so sweet the birds hush their singing

And the melody that He gave to me

Within my heart is ringing

And He walks with me

And He talks with me

And He tells me I am His own

And the joy we share as we tarry there

None other has ever known

3. I'd stay in the garden with Him Tho' the night around me be falling  
But He bids me go thro' the voice of woe His voice to me is calling  
And He walks with me And He talks with me  
And He tells me I am His own  
And the joy we share as we tarry there  
None other has ever known

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## 477 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

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| 1 Alleluia, alleluia!<br>Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:<br>Sing to God a hymn of gladness,<br>Sing to God a hymn of praise;<br>He who on the cross a victim<br>For the world's salvation bled—<br>Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,<br>Now is risen from the dead. | 2 Alleluia, Christ is risen!<br>Death at last has met defeat:<br>See the ancient pow'rs of evil<br>In confusion and retreat;<br>Once He died, and once was buried:<br>Now He lives forevermore,<br>Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,<br>Whom we worship and adore. |
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- △ 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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## LSB 633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

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| 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing<br>Praise to our victorious King,<br>Who has washed us in the tide<br>Flowing from His piercèd side.<br>Alleluia!                  | 2 Praise we Him, whose love divine<br>Gives His sacred blood for wine,<br>Gives His body for the feast—<br>Christ the victim, Christ the priest.<br>Alleluia! |
| 3 Where the paschal blood is poured,<br>Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;<br>Israel's hosts triumphant go<br>Through the wave that drowns the foe.<br>Alleluia! | 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,<br>Paschal victim, paschal bread;<br>With sincerity and love<br>Eat we manna from above.<br>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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## 474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

Trumpets resounding in glorious light! ref  
Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!  
Refrain

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

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

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

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

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

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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 – 461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

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.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
He lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;  
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare;  
He lives to bring me safely there.

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!

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## Procession of the Cross

