

# St Peter Lutheran Church

## Order of Worship

*Sunrise Service - Easter Sunday April 5, 2026*

"The Lamb who was slain has begun His reign! Hallelujah! The Crucified One is now risen, indeed! Jesus lives to bring us home. He promises, "In My Father's home are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?" (John 14:2).

*(Please stand, as you are able)*

### **Easter Greeting**

**P** Christ is risen!

**C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### **Call to Worship**

**P** Christ is risen!

**C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**P** I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the end He will stand on this earth. (Job 19:25)

**C** **He is risen!**

**P** God set Him free from death and raised Him to life. Death could not hold Him in its power. (Acts 2:24)

**C** **He is risen!**

**P** But three days later, God raised Him to life and let Him be seen. (Acts 10:40)

**C** **He is risen!**

**P** He has set a day when He will judge the world's people with fairness. And He has chosen the Man Jesus to do the judging for Him. God has given proof of this to all of us by raising Jesus from death. (Acts 17:31)

**C** **He is risen!**

**P** Yet God raised Jesus to life! God's Spirit now lives in you and He will raise you to life by His Spirit. (Romans 8:11)

**C** **He is risen!**

**P** Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life. Everyone who has faith in Me will live, even if they die. And everyone who lives because of faith in Me will never really die. (John 11:25–26)

**C** **He is risen!**

**P** “Don’t be afraid! I am the First, the Last and the Living One. I died, but now I am alive forevermore and I have the keys to death and the world of the dead.” (Revelation 1:17–18)

**C** **Christ is risen!**

**P** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## LSB 457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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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## Confession and Absolution

**P** Risen Lord Jesus, we sing about the victory over sin that You have won for us through Your death and resurrection; but we don’t live it very well. We still cave in to sin’s attractiveness every day. Sometimes we even indulge in it. Worst of all, we remain reluctant to confess our sins and so receive the forgiveness and cleansing that You have promised.

**C** **I deny my sins as much as possible, Lord. When I cannot deny them, I try to justify them, to You and to those I’ve wronged, with outlandish excuses or feeble attempts to make up for them. When none of this works, I plummet into feelings of failure, despair, and worthlessness. Lord Jesus, enable me to realize that my sins are undeniable. They are inexcusable. They are unrepayable. But they are all forgivable. That’s what Your resurrection is all about! Enable me to come clean before You—and to believe that by Your love I am forgiven.**

*A time of silent confession*

**P** God is gracious and freely forgives all who come to Him in repentance and faith. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by his authority, I therefore forgive you all of 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!**

## Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, You have risen from the dead and live and reign for all eternity. We thank and praise You for Your blessed passion, Your glorious resurrection, and your promise to return and take us home. Fortify our faith and strengthen our hope as we journey from this veil of tears to the New Jerusalem; for You live and reign with the Father 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 **G** **Thanks be to God**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

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

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew **G** **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!**

## **A Confession of What We Believe**

*Based on 1 Corinthians 15*

- P** For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
- C** **I believe Jesus suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified and died.**
- P** That He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,
- C** **I believe Jesus was buried, descended into hell, and the third day He rose again from the dead.**
- P** And that He appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, He appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time.
- C** **Although I have not seen the risen Christ in physical form, I see Him with the eyes of faith! Thanks be to God who gives me the victory through Christ's mighty resurrection!**

*(Please be seated)*

## **Sermon**

### **Sermon Song, LSB 474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen**

1 Alleluia!

Jesus is risen!

Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb,  
Heaven forever!

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

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

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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## Offering

### Prayers of the Church

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 salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. 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:

## 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.**

## 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

## **This Is the Feast**

**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.**

## **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  
**Chorus 2X**

## 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

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

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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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## Thank the Lord

- ☞ 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.

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**

## Benediction

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen! Raise your praises high!
- C With heartfelt thanks we follow Christ, His wondrous love to see.**
- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen, nevermore to die!
- C From death to life we follow Christ, from cross to victory.**
- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen, death's dark reign is done!
- C God's Holy Spirit guide our steps till life on earth is past.**
- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen! Victory is won!
- C So by God's grace we take our place in paradise at last!**
- 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.**

## Closing Song – LSB 461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

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| 1 | I know that my Redeemer lives;<br>What comfort this sweet sentence<br>gives!<br>He lives, He lives, who once was dead;<br>He lives, my ever-living head. | 2 | He lives triumphant from the grave;<br>He lives eternally to save;<br>He lives all-glorious in the sky;<br>He lives exalted there on high.             |
| 3 | He lives to bless me with His love;<br>He lives to plead for me above;<br>He lives my hungry soul to feed;<br>He lives to help in time of need.          | 4 | He lives to grant me rich supply;<br>He lives to guide me with His eye;<br>He lives to comfort me when faint;<br>He lives to hear my soul's complaint. |

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## Announcements