

**“BLESSED ARE THOSE  
WHO HAVE  
NOT SEEN  
AND YET BELIEVE.”**

**EASTER 2**

*April 11, 2021*



## God's Peace to You.

The members of Saint Peter Lutheran Church welcome you! If you have no church of your own, we encourage you to worship with us again and consider making this church your home.

**Hearing devices** can be picked up from the ushers' station. Please ask one of the ushers to assist you if you need help.

**Focus of our Worship:** Even the disciples struggled with the meaning of the resurrection, and they saw Jesus in the flesh, felt his hands, touched his side. Yet, we are called to the same faith they held. We may not see Jesus visibly, yet we do with the eyes of faith, by which we hold to the precious reassurances of his resurrection.

### Saint Peter Lutheran Church

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# Our Worship

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Service of the Word (p. 38)

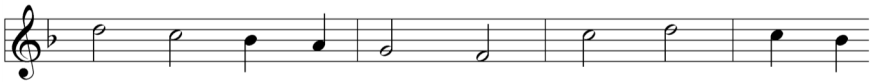
### OPENING HYMN "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain" | CW #142



1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - um - phant  
2 All the win - ter of our sins, Long and dark, is  
3 But to - day a - mong his own Christ ap - peared, be -



glad - ness! God has brought his Is - ra - el  
fly - ing From his light, to whom we give  
stow - ing Bless - ed peace, which ev - er - more



In - to joy from sad - ness. See the spring of  
Laud and praise un - dy - ing. Nei - ther could the  
Pass - es hu - man know - ing. Come, you faith - ful,



souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on And from  
gates of death Nor the tomb's dark por - tal Nor the  
raise the strain Of tri - um - phant glad - ness! God has



three days' sleep in death As a sun has ris - en.  
watch - ers nor the seal Hold him as a mor - tal.  
brought his Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness.

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, adapt.  
Tune: GAUDEAMUS PARITER (76 76 D Trochaic) Johann Horn, c. 1490–1547.

## INVOCATION

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C: Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by your Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

# The Word

## FIRST LESSON

Acts 3:12-20

*By faith in Jesus' name we have life.*

<sup>12</sup> When Peter saw this, he said to them: “Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? <sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. <sup>14</sup> You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. <sup>15</sup> You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. <sup>16</sup> By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

<sup>17</sup> “Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. <sup>18</sup> But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup> Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, <sup>20</sup> and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 16 (Read Responsively)

P: Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge.

**C: I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing.”**

P: Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more. I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods or take up their names on my lips.

**C: Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure.**

P: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.

**C: I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.**

P: Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices.

**C: My body also will rest secure.**

P: You will not abandon me to *Sheol*...

**C: ...Nor will you let your holy one see decay.**

P: You make known to me the path of life.

**C: You will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand. Amen.**

## **SECOND LESSON**

1 John 5:1-6

*The victory that Jesus won comes to us by faith. By faith, we are reborn as children of God to live in true love and overcome the world.*

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. <sup>2</sup>This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. <sup>3</sup>In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

John 20:29b (*Read Responsively*)

**P:** Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen!

**C:** He is risen indeed.

**“Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”**

**Alleluia.**



**C:** Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**GOSPEL**

John 20-19-31

*Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believed.*

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** (Next Page)

“O Sons and Daughters of the King” | *CW #165, v. 1, 4-8*

## Sermon

**Text: Acts 3:12-20**

*“Repent & Be Refreshed”*





1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King,  
 2 On that first morn - ing of the week,  
 3 An an - gel bade their sor - row flee,  
 4 That night th' a - pos - tles met in fear;  
 5 When Thom - as af - ter - wards had heard



Whom heav'n - ly hosts in glo - ry sing,  
 Be - fore the day be - gan to break,  
 For thus he spoke un - to the three,  
 A - mong them came their Lord most dear  
 That Je - sus had ful - filled his word,



To - day the grave has lost its sting!  
 The Mar - ys went their Lord to seek.  
 "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."  
 And said, "Peace be un - to you here."  
 He doubt - ed that is was the Lord.



Al - le - lu - ia!                      Al - le - lu - ia!                      Al - le - lu - ia!

- 6 "Thomas, behold my side," said he,  
 "My hands, my feet, my body see;  
 And doubt not, but believe in me."  
 Alleluia!
- 8 Blessèd are they that have not seen  
 And yet whose faith has constant been;  
 In life eternal they shall reign.  
 Alleluia!
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied;  
 He saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
 "You are my Lord and God," he cried.  
 Alleluia!
- 9 On this most holy day of days  
 To God your hearts and voices raise  
 In laud and jubilee and praise.  
 Alleluia!

Text: attr. Jean Tisserand, d. 1494, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt.  
 Tune: GELOBT SEI GOTT (888 with Alleluias) Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570–1615, alt.

**CONFESSION OF FAITH** (Read Responsively)

The Use of the Keys from *Luther's Small Catechism*

P: What is the use of the Keys?

**C: The use of the Keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth, to forgive the sins of penitent sinners but to refuse forgiveness to the impenitent as long as they do not repent.**

P: Where is this written?

**C: The holy Evangelist John writes in chapter 20, "Jesus breathed on his disciples and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'"**

P: How does a Christian congregation use the Keys?

**C: A Christian congregation with its called servant of Christ uses the Keys in accordance with Christ's command by forgiving those who repent of their sin and are willing to amend, and by excluding from the congregation those who are plainly impenitent that they may repent. I believe that, when this is done, it is as valid and certain in heaven also, as if Christ, our dear Lord, dealt with us himself.**

P: Where is this written?

**C: Jesus says in Matthew, chapter 18, "Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."**

**Amen.**

# We Respond to God's Word

## OFFERING (taken at the door)

*The members of Saint Peter Lutheran Church have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. May God bless us as we do his work! To give an offering with your smartphone, text "givesplc" to 77977 and click on the link that you receive, or scan the QR code. Offerings can be given by credit card, debit card, or your bank account. Offerings can also be given by going to our website (saintpeterlutheran.org) or mailed to 427 W. Mulberry, Saint Peter MN 56082.*



## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### LORD'S PRAYER

**P:** We join to pray:

**C:** **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**HYMN** (Next Page)

"Te Deum" | CW #241



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! To God the Fa - ther  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to the Lamb of  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to the Ho - ly  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to our tri - une



let us bring Our songs of ad - o - ra - tion. To him  
 God we sing, In whom we are e - lect - ed. He bought  
 Ghost we sing For our re - gen - er - a - tion. The sav -  
 God we sing; Blest be his name for - ev - er! With an -



through ev - er - last - ing days Be wor - ship, hon - or,  
 the Church with his own blood; He cleansed her in that  
 ing faith in us he wrought And us un - to the  
 gel hosts let us a - dore And sing his prais - es



pow'r, and praise Whose hand sus - tains cre - a - tion.  
 bless - ed flood And as his bride se - lect - ed.  
 Bride - groom brought, Made us his cho - sen na - tion.  
 more and more For all his grace and fa - vor.



Sing - ing, Ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly.  
 Ho - ly, Ho - ly Is our un - ion And com - mun - ion.  
 Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Joy e - ter - nal, Bliss su - per - nal;  
 Sing - ing, Ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly.



Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry.  
 His be - friend - ing Gives us joy and peace un - end - ing.  
 There is man - na And an end - less, glad ho - san - na.  
 Spread the sto - ry Of our God the Lord of glo - ry!

Text: *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, Darmstadt, 1698; tr. composite.  
 Tune: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET (887 887 22 44 48) Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608, alt.

## **CLOSING PRAYER & BLESSING**

**P:** Christ Jesus, we were glad to be here, gathered with your flock to worship you. Cause the Word we have heard to take root in our hearts and bear fruit in our lives. Guide us in paths of righteousness, that our words and actions might lead others to glorify you. In your name we pray.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord in gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN** (Next Page)

“Alleluia! Jesus Lives” | CW #153

## **Service Notes**

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1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus lives! He is now the  
2 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice; Praise him, ran - somed  
3 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and  
4 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, Life is yours e -



liv - ing one; From the gloom - y house of death  
ones of earth. Praise him in a no - bler song,  
fre - quent sigh? He who died our broth - er here  
ter - nal - ly; Joined to him, your liv - ing head,



Forth the con - quer - or has gone, Bright fore - run - ner  
Cher - u - bim of heav'n - ly birth. Praise the Vic - tor -  
Lives our broth - er still on high, Lives for - ev - er  
Where he is, you too shall be; You with him at



to the skies Of his peo - ple, yet to rise.  
King, whose sway Sin and death and hell o - bey.  
to be - stow Bless - ings on his Church be - low.  
his right hand Vic - tor o - ver death shall stand.

Text: Karl B. Garve, 1763–1841, abr.; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–97, alt.  
Tune: FRED TIL BOD (77 77 77) Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–87.

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## April 11-18 2021

<b>Sun</b>	8:00 & 10:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:10 a.m.	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Livestream Worship on Facebook
	6 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	Women's Bible Study - Book of Daniel
	8 p.m. (Zoom)	Women's Bible Study - Christian Stewardship
<b>Mon</b>	3:15 p.m.	Lutheran Pioneers
<b>Tues</b>	6:30 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
<b>Wed</b>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation
<b>Fri</b>	6:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
<b>Sat</b>		LWMS Rally—Winthrop
<b>Sun</b>	8:00 & 10:30 a.m.	Worship with Communion
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
	6 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	Women's Bible Study - Book of Daniel
	8 p.m. (Zoom)	Women's Bible Study - Christian Stewardship

# MY WORSHIP NOTES

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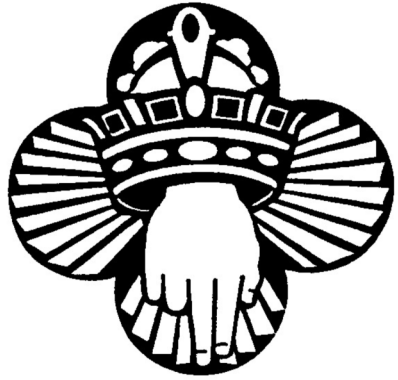
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THESE WORDS:

JESUS

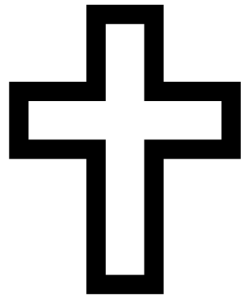
LOVE

BIBLE

MARK DOWN EVERY  
TIME WE SAY A PRAYER:



FATHER



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HOLY SPIRIT