

EASTER 3 *April 18, 2021*



Welcome!

The members of Saint Peter Lutheran Church welcome you to our church. We would love to have you make our church your home, and we hope you'll worship with us again soon!

Children are welcome! There is a mother's room off the ladies' restroom.

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

Today's ThemeJesus Lives! So We Live with Purpose

Today's Scripture lessons highlight the fact that God's plan of salvation is complete and Christ's resurrection makes it certain. The Church hears the summons of her risen Lord and boldly witnesses this truth to a desperate, dying world of sinners.

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Public Worship Wednesdays at 4:30 & 6:30 p.m.

Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Online streamed services Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. (see our Facebook page)

Serving Today: Preacher: Pr. Jack Kelly

Liturgist: Pr. Justin Heise

Organist/Pianist: Bethany Gurgel A/V Technician: Steve Willett

Our Worship

ORDER OF SERVICE

Divine worship II (CWS, p. 28)



Text: D. M. Luthers... Geistliche Lieder und Psalmen, Berlin, 1653, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1-3, alt.; The Lutheran Hymnal, St. Louis, 1941, st. 4-5.

Tune: JESUS, MEINE ZUVERSICHT (78 78 77) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

INVOCATION

- P: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

CONFESSION

- P: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.
- C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

ABSOLUTION

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY (Kyrie)

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

VIDEO ANTHEM Cornerstone

Arr. Joel Hansen, performed by Cornerstone youth

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Let us pray.
- P: O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Acts 4:8-12

The message we proclaim: Salvation is found only in Jesus.

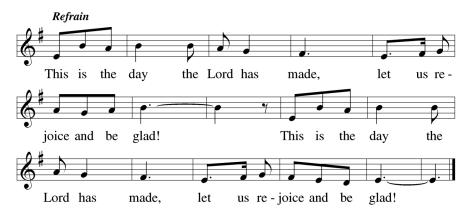
⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹ If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, ¹⁰ then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹ Jesus is

"'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone."

- P: The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

PSALM 118





The LORD is my strength <u>and</u> my song;*
he has become my sal<u>va</u>tion.
The LORD'S right hand is <u>lift</u>ed high;*
the LORD'S right hand has done <u>might</u>y things!
I will not <u>die</u> but live,*
and will proclaim what the <u>LORD</u> has done.

Refrain

I will give you thanks, for you <u>an</u>swered me;* you have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the <u>cap</u>stone;* the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous <u>in</u> our eyes.

This is the day the <u>LORD</u> has made;* let us rejoice and be <u>glad</u> in it.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son* and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,* is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

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SECOND LESSON 1 John 1:1-2:2

We proclaim the Lord of Life (2 Corinthians 2:12-3:6)

¹ That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ² The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³ We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴ We write this to make our joy complete.

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all ^[b] sin.

⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

2 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ² He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Verse of the Day: Luke 24:32

ALL: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Our hearts were burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us. Alleluia.

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 24:36-49

P: The Gospel according to Luke chapter 24.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord.

³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

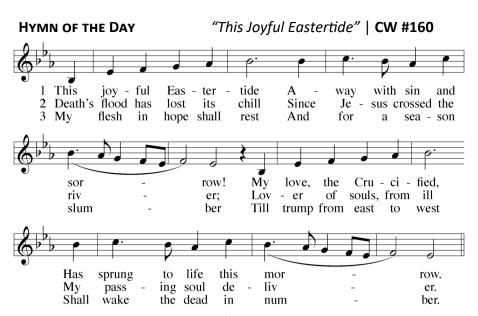
⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence.

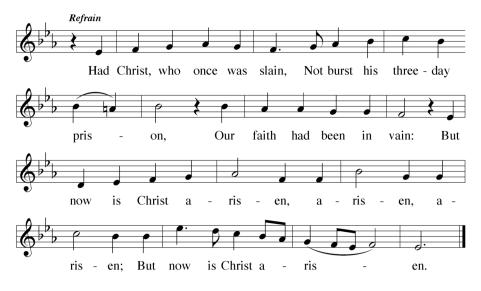
⁴⁴ He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.





Text: George R. Woodward, 1848-1934.

Tune: VRUECHTEN (67 67 with Refrain) Davids Psalmen, Amsterdam, 1684.

SERMON Acts 4:8-12

SERMON THEME:

The Name of Jesus Creates a "Must" Situation

- 1. His enemies must reject him
- 2. His disciples must trust and proclaim him

We Respond to God's Word

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, as incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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. 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

The Lord's Supper

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who rose from the dead in glorious triumph to bring forgiveness to the world and everlasting life to all who believe. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY (sung to the tune of *Aurelia* - 372)

Sanctus—Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

O holy, holy, holy
Lord God of pow'r and might,
Your glory, earth and heaven
In countless ways recite.
Hosanna! Come and save us,
Lord God of hosts on high,
And in your grace and mercy
Receive our fervent cry.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us. By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will. By his innocent death, he overcame hell. By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

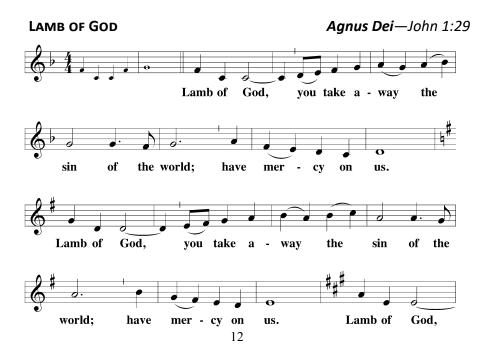
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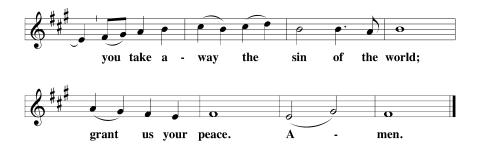
P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.





DISTRIBUTION

Our church practices the Biblical teaching of member communion. All those who are members of our congregation or another Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) congregation are invited to receive Christ's body and blood in the Sacrament. If you have any questions about this practice, please contact one of our pastors, and we would be happy to discuss it with you.



"Lord Speak to Us" | CW 561

DISTRIBUTION HYMN



Tune: Canonbury (LM) Robert A. Schumann, 1810–56, adapt.

SONG OF SIMEON

(Sung to the tune of *Kuortane*—388)

Nunc Dimittis—Luke 2:29-32

O Lord, now let your servant Depart in peace, assured: For I have seen your promised incarnate, saving Word-A Light that will enlighten All gloom where Gentiles dwell: The brilliant, crowning glory Of those in Israel!

P: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns

with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: 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

He Is Arisen! Glorious Word! | CW 162

He is arisen! Glorious Word!
Now reconciled is God, my Lord;
The gates of heav'n are open.
My Jesus did triumphant die,
And Satan's arrows broken lie,
Destroyed hell's fiercest weapon.
Oh, hear What cheer!
Christ victorious, Rising glorious,
Life is giving.
He was dead, but now is living!

Text: Birgitte K. Boye, 1742–1824; tr. George A. T. Rygh, 1860–1942, alt.

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At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing: Text: Latin hymn, 17th century, abr.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–68, alt.

April 18-25 2021		
Sun	8:00 & 10:30 a.m.	Worship with Communion
	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
Mon	1 p.m.	Quilters
	3:15 p.m.	Lutheran Pioneers
Wed	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation
	8 p.m.	Youth for Christ
Fri	6:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
Sun	8:00 & 10:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:10 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