



EASTER SUNRISE

April 4, 2021



**SAINT PETER
LUTHERAN
CHURCH & SCHOOL**

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.

+ The Resurrection of Our Lord +

Easter Dawn Vigil

Part I: Service of Light

About the Procession of the Paschal Candle

The Church begins its celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord early on Easter morning, for the Scriptures reveal that the rising of the Son took place before the rising of the sun!

*The **paschal candle**, a symbol of him who is the light of the world, is lighted before the service on Easter dawn and carried amid the assembly as a visual reminder that Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light. The paschal candle remains lighted during worship throughout the Easter season and is lighted again at every baptism, for we are "buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life" (Romans 6:4).*

stand

PROCESSION OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ:

On this joyous morning, we celebrate that our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life. We join with all of God's people in recalling and celebrating his victory over death, and our deliverance from the bondage of sin and darkness to everlasting light.

C: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

P: Eternal Lord of Life, through your Son you have given your people the brightness of your light. Kindle in our hearts and minds a holy desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising until we feast at the banquet of eternal light; through Jesus Christ, the Sun of Righteousness.

C: Amen.

P: The light of Christ rises in glory, overcoming the darkness of sin and death.

C: Thanks be to God!

HYMN

The Day of Resurrection | **CW 166 v. 1**

During the singing of the the paschal candle will process through the center aisle and be set in the chancel.

**The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
The Passover of gladness, The Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, From this world to the sky,
Our Christ has brought us over With hymns of victory.**

Be seated

Part II: Service of Lessons

Old Testament texts foreshadow our deliverance and rescue by Jesus

P: On this most holy day our Savior, Christ, the Lord, broke the power of death and by his resurrection brought life and salvation to all creation. Let us praise the Lord, for he truly keeps his word. The Sun of righteousness has dawned on those sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death.

CREATION

Genesis 1:1-2:3

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you most wonderfully created human nature and yet more wonderfully redeemed it. By your mercy renew us in the image of him who came to share our humanity, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

HYMN

Welcome, Happy Morning | **CW 163 vv. 2-3**

**2 Maker and Redeemer, Life and Health of all,
God from heav'n beholding Human nature's fall,
Of the Father's Godhead You, the only Son,
Mankind to deliver Manhood did put on.**

Refrain

**"Welcome, happy morning!" Age to age shall say;
"Hell today is vanquished; Heav'n is won today!"**

**3 He, of life the author, Death did undergo,
Trode the path of darkness, Saving strength to show.
Come, then, True and Faithful, Now fulfill your word;
This is your third morning—Rise, O buried Lord!**

Refrain

ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA Exodus 14:10-15:1

P: Let us pray.

O God, you once delivered your people Israel from slavery under Pharaoh and led them safely through the Red Sea. By this you gave us a picture of our Baptism. Lead us always to rejoice in your baptismal promise that we may live in its grace and declare to all people your desire to make them children of Abraham; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

HYMN *Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain* | **CW 142 vv. 1,2**

**1 Come, you faithful, raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness!
God has brought his Israel Into joy from sadness.
See the spring of souls today: Christ has burst his prison
And from three days' sleep in death As a sun has risen.**

**2 All the winter of our sins, Long and dark, is flying
From his light, to whom we give Laud and praise undying.
Neither could the gates of death Nor the tomb's dark portal
Nor the watchers nor the seal Hold him as a mortal.**

A NEW HEART AND A NEW SPIRIT Ezekiel 36:24-28

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in the miracle of Easter you raised your Son for our justification and through him have given us a new heart and spirit. Empower your holy people to show in their lives what they confess with their lips; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

HYMN*Like the Golden Sun Ascending* | **CW 147 vv. 1,4**

***Like the golden sun ascending,
Breaking through the gloom of night,
On the earth its glory spending
So that darkness takes its flight,
Thus my Jesus from the grave
And death's dismal, dreadful cave
Rose triumphant Easter morning
At the early purple dawning.***

***Grant me grace, O blessed Savior, And our Holy Spirit send
That my life and my behavior May be pleasing to the end,
That I may not fall again Into death's grim pit and pain,
Whence by grace you have retrieved me
And from which you have relieved me.***

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Zephaniah 3:12-20

P: Let us pray.

O Lord, let all the world see that what has been cast down is raised up, what has grown old is made new, and the work you have begun in your faithful people is being brought to its joyful fulfillment in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

C: Amen.**HYMN***This Joyful Eastertide*, 160 v. 1

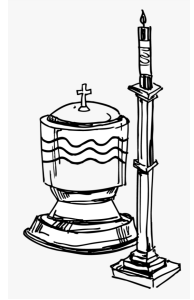
***My flesh in hope shall rest And for a season slumber
Till trump from east to west
Shall wake the dead in number.
Had Christ who once was slain,
Not burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain;
But now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;
But now is Christ arisen.***

Part III: Service of Holy Baptism

Our baptismal connection to the risen Christ

The minister addresses the congregation with these or other words:

M: On this holiest of days the whole Church of our Lord Jesus Christ recalls his death and burial, rejoicing in the gospel of his glorious resurrection from the dead. Holy Baptism is the precious means of grace by which our Father in heaven connects us with Christ in his life, death, and resurrection. The apostle Paul says: "Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through Baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with him in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be rendered powerless, that we should no longer be slaves to sin--because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus."



Stand

P: In Holy Baptism God takes away our sins and gives new life in Christ, our Lord. We solemnly renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways; we confess the gift of faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I ask you: Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

C: Yes, and I ask God to help me.

P: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

C: Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son?

C: Yes, I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do believe in the Holy Spirit?

C: Yes, 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.

P: Will you continue steadfast in this baptismal faith and, as a member of the Church, be diligent in the use of the means of grace and prayer?

C: Yes, and I ask God to help me.

P: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with his grace to life everlasting.

C: Amen.

Be seated

HYMN

All Who Believe and Are Baptized | **CW299**

1 All who believe and are baptized

Shall see the Lord's salvation;

Baptized into the death of Christ,

They are a new creation.

Through Christ's redemption they shall stand

Among the glorious, heav'nly band

Of ev'ry tribe and nation.

**2 With one accord, O God, we pray:
Grant us your Holy Spirit.
Help us in our infirmity
Through Jesus' blood and merit.
Grant us to grow in grace each day
That by this sacrament we may
Eternal life inherit.**

Part IV:
Service of Holy Communion

*Proclamation of the risen Savior and our blessed
reconciliation to God*



The altar candles and other candles in the church are now lit from the paschal candle. The lights of the church are fully lit, and the minister says:

Stand

P: ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!

C: HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL

John 20:1-18

OFFERING

The members of Saint Peter Lutheran Church have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry. 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.

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to 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, HOLY to the tune *Webb* (474)
Sanctus (*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*)

1. O holy, holy, holy Lord God, to you we pray.

**The heavens show your glory;
The earth your works display.**

**Hosanna! Come and save us, Lord God of hosts on high,
And in your grace and mercy Receive our fervent cry.**

2. Hosanna in the highest! How truly blest is he

Who in God's name is coming To set his people free!

**He comes to bring salvation And with his blood outpoured,
Deliver us from bondage— Hosanna, mighty Lord!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are you, O God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. By his victory over the grave, our Savior declared death's reign ended, the door to heaven open, and the payment for sin complete.

We celebrate with joy the glorious resurrection of your Son.

We marvel at the depth of your love.

We stand in awe of your power.

We are humbled by the compassion you have shown our fallen race.

Lead us to rejoice in the pardon offered and sealed in this

Sacrament and to live a life worthy of your name. The Lord Jesus lives! Alleluia.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (*Matt. 26:26-28 and 1 Cor. 11:24,25*)

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.

Be seated

LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei (John 1:29)



Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



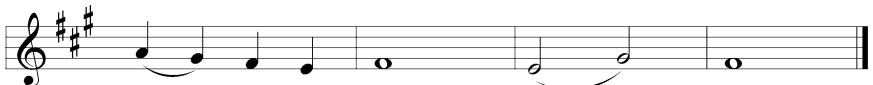
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION

As announced on the welcome page, guests are asked to refrain from partaking of the sacrament until they have first spoken with the pastor. Thank you for honoring our practice. Holy Communion is distributed with either individual or common cup. Those who prefer the common cup should wait with open hands until the pastor distributes it.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing* | **CW 141**

- 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from his pierced side. Alleluia!**

- 2 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!**

- 3 Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And your saints in you shall rise. Alleluia!**

- 4 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!**

- 5 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!**

Text: Latin hymn, 17th century, abr.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–68, alt.

Stand

SONG OF SIMEON to the tune *Ich Freu Mich in dem Herren* (97)
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!**

BLESSING (*Numbers 6:27*)

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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SPRING BAKE SALE EASTER SUNDAY

April 4, 2021

St. Peter Lutheran Church | Fellowship Hall

**BAKED ITEMS WILL BE SOLD IN THE
FELLOWSHIP HALL EASTER MORNING AFTER
THE FIRST SERVICE AND THROUGHOUT THE
MORNING UNTIL SOLD OUT.
FIND A HOME-MADE TREAT FOR YOUR EASTER
CELEBRATION!**

Sponsored by: Ladies Aid



April 4-11, 2021

Sun	6:30 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Worship
	7:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Spring Bake Sale
	9 & 10:30 a.m.	Easter Festival Worship
Mon		NO SCHOOL for SPLS and Little Lambs
Tues		NO SCHOOL for SPLS and Little Lambs
Wed	10:00 a.m.	Bible Class
	7:00 p.m.	Youth for Christ
Fri	6:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
Sat	11:00 a.m.	S'Crafters Fundraising Event
Sun	8:00 & 10:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School & Bible Classes
	6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study—Daniel
	8:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study—God's Trustees