

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Third Sunday of Easter

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Our mission:

*to spread the Word of Salvation through Christ,
honor God, serve others, and grow in faith.*

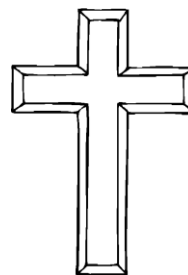
Welcome: He smiles - He speaks - He takes a bite of food! Jesus isn't just a phantom spirit or an inspiring idea for Christians to rally around. He is our flesh-and-bones Savior, the living and breathing Son of God who rose from the dead, never again to suffer death. And because He lives, we have the responsibility (and honor!) to tell others about the opportunity for repentance and forgiveness in Jesus' name.

Welcome guests! We are delighted you are with us for worship this morning. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Jon, sign the guest book next to the front doors, and let us know how we can be of service to you. The order of service is printed in this bulletin starting on page 2. A cry room is available at the back left of the sanctuary for families with young children if there is a need.

Communion Note: We believe that our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us. Because unworthy reception of the sacrament can be harmful, those who are not yet instructed, are uncertain or doubtful, or hold to a different confession should speak to the Pastor before participating.

PREPARATION

PRELUDE “Jesus, meine Zuversicht” – J. G. Walther



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen

P If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Most merciful God,
C have mercy on us.

All: We confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted You with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In Your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by Your Spirit that we may live and serve You in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and truth. Amen.

P With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.
C Thanks be to God!

SERVICE OF THE WORD

ENTRANCE HYMN 478 The Day of Resurrection



KYRIE *Lord, Have Mercy*

Mark 10:47

Pastor: In peace, in peace,

Musical score for the Kyrie. It consists of three staves of music in G major and 2/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'Assistant:' and contains the lyrics 'Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,'. The second staff is labeled 'Congregation:' and contains the lyrics 'Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have'. The third staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'mer - cy.'.

Pastor: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all... (Refrain)

Pastor: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word... (Refrain)

Pastor:

Musical notation for the Pastor's part of the second refrain. It is a single staff in G major and 2/4 time with the lyrics 'Help, save and de - fend us, O God.'

Cong:

Musical notation for the Congregation's part of the second refrain. It is a single staff in G major and 2/4 time with the lyrics 'A - - - men.'

NOW THE FEAST

Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

Verse 1:


Congregation or Congregation 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit - ed us to be one great
peo - ple of God.


To refrain

Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:




Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and



might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ


To refrain




for ev - er.

Verse 3

Congregation:

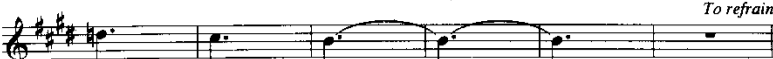


3. For God has come to dwell with us,



to make us peo - ple of God; to make

To refrain



all things new.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P
C
P

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God,
through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world.
Grant to Your faithful people,
rescued from the peril of everlasting death,
perpetual gladness and eternal joys;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C

Amen



FIRST READING: Acts 3:11-21 (see back cover)

PSALM: Psalm 4



¹ Answer me when I call, O God of my
righteousness! You have given me
relief when I was | in distress.*

Be gracious to me and | hear my
prayer!

² O men, how long shall my honor be
turned | into shame?*

How long will you love vain words
and seek | after lies?

³ But know that the LORD has set apart
the godly | for himself; *
the LORD hears when I | call to him.

⁴ Be angry, and | do not sin; *
ponder in your own hearts on your
beds, and be | silent.

⁵ Offer right sacri- | fices, *
and put your trust | in the LORD.

⁶ There are many who say, "Who will
show | us some good?*"
Lift up the light of your face
upon us, | O LORD!"

⁷ You have put more joy | in my heart*
than they have when their grain
and | wine abound.

⁸ In peace I will both lie | down and
sleep; *
for you alone, O LORD, make me
dwell in | safety.

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

EPISTLE: 1 John 3:1-7 (see back cover)

ALLELUIA VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord**

Luke 24:36-49 (see back cover)

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED (Inside the back cover of the hymnal.)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 720 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P ...Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

Prayer Request List (Names are placed on the list by request only.)

For comfort:

Carroll family	Death of their daughter, a student at HoVal	Dunbar
Diller family	Death of Jonathan, NYPD officer	deDufour

For those with health concerns:

Ekaterina	Jim Metz	Kay Compton	Stephen Gewecke
Tom Reside	Claire Haenisch	Ursula	Columba
Robert Bauer	Pete Serone	Phillip Trivett	Maryanne Reside
Brennan	Marge Carr	Pat Dietz	Valerie Nebbie
Nathan Wilhelm	Joe Campbell	Pat McSorley	

For those with cancer:

Charlie Huebner	Yolanda Piekaoskey	Rich deDufour	Lynn
Rich Knechel	Rose Bonecki	Aaron Kline	Linda
Carol Tezla	Karen Shevchuk	Jason	Kathy
Charles Greenberg	Kathy Lamkin	Mary Ellen	Mary Ann
Andrea(Andy) Hoteling	Nancy Gilliand	Anna Mantel	Judy Grube
Trudy	Kaleigh Moore	Steve Saumsiegle	Doris
Gunter	Jerry	Gerry Campbell	Brad Hoppe

For those serving in the armed forces:

LJ Lupinacci Carrick Porter Nate Fiske Jake Grube Jim Buckman (son)
Daniel Gewecke (Returned to U.S.!)

For those with needs around the world:

War in Europe Prayers for peace and forgiveness
Family of Olga Nichols living in Ukraine Prayers for health, safety, and provision
War in Middle East Prayers for peace and forgiveness

For St. Peter Lutheran Nursery School:

For the needs of the nursery school families For full 2024-25 enrollment

Birthdays

John Maguire April 16 Liam McAllister April 18

Anniversaries

Roger & Lynda Newton Apr 14 Jason & Jenna Bloom Apr 19 Doug & Kathy Hill Apr 19

OFFERING

Refrain

Congregation:



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;



so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be



gath-ered in - to one in you.

Verses



1. As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst, _____
2. Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

To refrain



may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P

The Lord be with you.

P

Lift up your hearts.

P

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C

And also with you.

C

We lift them to the Lord.

C

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P

It is truly good, right, and salutary...

C

Amen.

SANCTUS *Holy, Holy, Holy (LSB p. 208)*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

C

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

PAX DOMINI *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19

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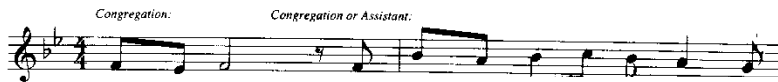
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C

And also with you.

SHARING OF THE PEACE (Please share the peace with one another with the words:
“The peace of the Lord be with you,” “And also with you.”)

AGNUS DEI *Lamb of God*

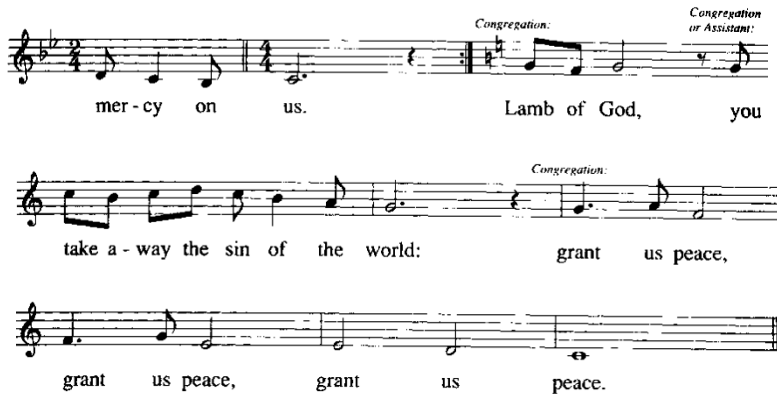


Lamb of God, you take a – way the sin of the
 you are the bread of life for us
 you are the way of jus – tice and



world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
all:
peace:

Congregation:
Congregation
or Assistant:



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sin of the world: grant us peace,
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION 618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN 687 Thine Forever, God of Love

POSTLUDE “Erschienen ist der Heilige Tag” – J. S. Bach



This week’s Bible memory verse challenge: *John 14:19*
Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me.
Because I live, you also will live.



Announcements – Week of April 14, 2024

**Need assistance? The Church Office is staffed each week
Tues, Wed. and Thurs. from 1:00 - 3:00**

Worship, Sunday School, and Bible Study

Welcome! Serving in worship today are: Bill Kianka (Communion Assistant), Jesse Dunbar (Reader), Tyson Wilhelm and Joe Gallagher (Ushers), Tyson Wilhelm (Live-streaming), Nathan Wilhelm (Acolyte), Judy Grube and Jeanne Hoppe (Communion/Coffee set-up and clean-up).

Today's service will be live streamed on You Tube at the following link:
<https://youtube.com/live/o7pYffLJR00?feature=share> If you miss the service live, watch it whenever you like! The services are also posted after the fact to the church's website.

Wednesday Zoom Bible Study. Our study of Acts will resume on April 17th after Pastor returns from a conference. NOTE: This is a later date than was previously announced!

NEW Sunday Bible Study. This Sunday we'll continue our study of the 7 Signs of Jesus in the Gospel of John. Today's topic: Jesus heals an official's son (John 4:46-54) If you haven't attended Sunday bible study in a while, now is a great time to jump back onboard!

Men's, Women's, Senior's, Youth and Family Ministry

Prayer Shawl Ministry. The Prayer Shawl ministry team continues to meet every other week, creating gifts to share. Consider joining them!

Prayer Chain. The Prayer Chain is ready to receive your prayer requests. Simply call Barbara Greenberg at (609) 512-1928 to start or update a prayer.

Service and Other

Books and Breakfast - Help Needed! Every Saturday morning, "Books and Breakfast" volunteers meet at Turning Point UMC in downtown Trenton to cook and serve breakfast to those experiencing homelessness and food insecurity due to poverty. We are looking for helpers on Saturday, April 20th for a 7:00am or 9:00am shift. We will be serving alongside members of Pennington United Methodist Church who do this on a regular basis. No experience necessary! (12 years or older.) See the sign-up on the bulletin board or talk to Pastor Jon.

Flowers. If you would like to have flowers placed on the altar in honor of someone, in thanksgiving for God's grace, or for a special occasion, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to do so. Suggested donation is \$25. You may take the flowers home following the service on the day you select.

Today's flowers are placed in the church in honor of the anniversary of Jason and Jenna Bloom.

Baby Shower Reception for Annie and James after Church on April 21st. Annie and James Allardice (daughter and son-in-law to Kevin and Sue Lauricella) are expecting their first baby! To celebrate, St. Peter congregation members are throwing a diaper, wipes and baby book shower for the expectant parents after church on April 21st! If you can't be at church that morning, you are welcome to drop your gift off ahead of time!

St. Peter's is Saved to Serve! The way we serve individually in our workplaces, homes, and communities is a way our whole congregation is visible to our neighbors! On a post-it note, jot down how you are shining Christ's light at work, in civic and social organizations, in your recreation, etc. so we can see where God is sending us out each Sunday after worship and through the week!

Operation Christmas Child. As we look forward to this year's collection, we are focusing on certain supplies during each month. To round out this year's donations, we could use **children's or costume jewelry**, and **matchbox cars**, so if you can, pick up a few and drop them in the collection box in the narthex.

Lambertville Food Pantry. Please grab some non-perishable items at the grocery store to add to our food pantry collection box in the narthex. **April's collection is Pasta – penne, rigo, spirals, bow ties, spaghetti, linguini, noodles, lasagna, pasta sauce...**

Faithfulness Report: Attendance: 4/7/24: 46
Gen Fund (plate and electronic): \$ 7575 Debt relief: \$ 25

Weekly Schedule.

TUESDAY (4/16)	12:00pm Planning Council Mtg; 4:30pm Confirmation Class
WEDNESDAY (4/17)	7:30pm Acts Bible Study (Zoom)
THURSDAY (4/18)	9:45/11:15am Nursery School Chapel services
FRIDAY (4/19)	<u>All-Day</u> Circuit Pastors Meeting
SATURDAY (4/20)	7:00am/9:00am Books & Breakfast in Trenton
SUNDAY (4/21)	8:15am Bible Study/SS; 9:30am Worship; 6:30pm Sr Youth Group @ St. Paul, Flemington

Website and Facebook. Our website is at www.stpeternj.org, and our Facebook page is Saint Peter Lutheran Church - the link is: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Saint-Peter-Lutheran-Church/337705479662612>.
Come check us out!

Other Important web links:

NJ District LCMS	njdistrict.org
The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod	lcms.org
LCMS World Relief and Human Care	lcms.org/ca/worldrelief
The Lutheran Hour™ Broadcast	lhm.org

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 3:11–21

¹¹While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. ¹²And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

¹⁷"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

Epistle: 1 John 3:1–7

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as

he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

Holy Gospel: Luke 24:36–49

³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."