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The Resurrection of Our Lord

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Our mission:

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

Welcome! Today we celebrate Easter, the "Queen of Feasts." We are reminded that without the resurrection our hope is empty and our faith is an illusion. Today we come together to proclaim the Savior who swallowed up death and to rejoice in his salvation. Today we celebrate his victory as our victory and witness that "in Christ we too shall be made alive!" The empty tomb testifies to the truth of Christ's promises and to the trustworthiness of his Word.

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 cryroom 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.

God's Easter People . . . Gather

Prelude: “Christ lag in Todesbanden” – H. Scheidemann

(We rise and face the processional cross. Our attention always follows the processional cross whether at the Procession, the Gospel, or the Recession at the end of the service.)



Easter Announcement

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

C: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

L: Why are you looking among the dead for the One who is alive? He is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Processional Hymn: 465 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

Easter Dialog (adapted from Revelation 1:4-6, 7:9-12)

L: Grace and peace to you from Him who is, who was, and who is to come, from our Lord, Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

C: To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood, and has made us a kingdom and priests to serve God the Father - to Him be glory and power forever and ever! Amen!

L: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: The uncountable multitude of nations and peoples stand before the Lamb upon His throne and cry out with a loud voice:

C: Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!

L: And all the angels around the throne worship Him saying:

C: Blessing and honor, glory and thanksgiving, power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.

L: And all the creatures of the earth shout:

C: Amen!

L: And

all the saints and angels shout:

C: Amen!

L: And the people of the Lamb shout:

C: Amen and Amen!



Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12-13, 19:5-9

C: 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.

God's Easter People . . . Remember

Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father,

through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ,

You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us.

Grant that we,

who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection,

may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit;

through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9



Psalm: Psalm 16 (sung responsively)



¹ Preserve me, | O God,*
for in you I take | refuge.

² I say to the LORD, “You | are my Lord;*
I have no good a- | part from you.”

³ As for the saints | in the land,*
they are the excellent ones, in whom
is all | my delight.

⁴ The sorrows of those who run after
another god shall | multiply;*
their drink offerings of blood I will
not pour out or take their names | on
my lips.

⁵ The LORD is my chosen portion | and
my cup;*
you | hold my lot.

⁶ The lines have fallen for me in
pleasant | places;*
indeed, I have a beautiful in- | heritance.

⁷ I bless the LORD who gives me | counsel;*
in the night also my heart in- | structs
me.

⁸ I have set the LORD always be- | fore me;*
because he is at my right hand, I shall
not be | shaken.

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my
whole being re- | joices;*
my flesh also | dwells secure.

¹⁰ For you will not abandon my soul | to
Sheol,*
or let your holy one see cor- | ruption.

¹¹ You make known to me the | path of
life;*
in your presence there is fullness of
joy; at your right hand are pleasures
for- | evermore.

**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 Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Alleluia Verse page 156

**C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel Reading: Mark 16:1-8 Acclamations (sung):

**Glory to you, O Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed (found on the inside back cover of the hymnal)

Children's Sermon





Hymn of the Day: 458 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

Sermon

Hymn: 806 Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

Prayers After each petition of the prayer 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 Hopewell Valley Dunbar

For those with health concerns:

Ekaterina	Fran Bryzinski	Kay Compton	Stephen Gewecke
Tom Reside	Claire Haenisch	Ursula	Esther
Jim Jones	Pete Serone	Phillip Trivett	Maryanne Reside
Brennan	Marge Carr	Pat Dietz	Valerie Nebbie
Robert Bauer	Gerry Campbell	Nathan Wilhelm	Sue Bridenbough

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			

For those serving in the armed forces:

LJ Lupinacci	Carrick Porter	Nate Fiske	Jake Grube	Jim Buckman (son)
Daniel Gewecke (in Middle East)				

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 as we strive to impact our community
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Birthdays

Dave Yost April 6

Gathering of the Offering and Offertory

Choral Offertory (8:00): “Worthy is the Lamb”

Instrumental Offertory (10:30): “Christ lag in Todesbanden” – J. Vetter

Congregational Offertory: 955 “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord”

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now.

Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

God's Easter People . . . Feast at the Table of the Lord

Order of Holy Communion page 160

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... evermore praising you and singing:

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.

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

C: Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us to do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayer; deliver and preserve us.

P: To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: Our Father who art in heaven...

P: The Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ ... 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.



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

**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.**

Distribution Hymns: 457 Jesus Christ is Risen Today
461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Post Communion Canticle: Thank the Lord page 164

**C: 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.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Benediction

P: And now, may the God of peace, who brought back again from the dead our Lord Jesus, equip you with all you need for doing His will. May He produce in you, through the power of Jesus Christ, all that is pleasing to Him. To Him be glory forever and ever.

C: Amen.

Recessional Hymn: 482 This Joyful Eastertide

Postlude: “Christ lag in Todesbanden” – J. S. Bach







Announcements – Week of March 31, 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 (8:00/10:30) are: Norm Klesat/Fred Grube (Communion Assistant and Reader), Mark McAllister/Jason Bloom (Usher and Live-streaming), Liam McAllister/Lydia Bloom (Acolyte), Amy Van Hise/Leslie Klesat (Communion set-up and clean-up).

Today's service will be live streamed on You Tube at the following link:
<https://youtube.com/live/J7YOx59nRtk?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!

Sunday Bible Study. Regular Sunday morning Bible study and Sunday School will resume on Sunday, April 7 at 8:15 am. Join us!

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.

Baby Shower Reception for Annie and James after Church 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!

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.

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 Breakfast – cereal, pancake mix, syrup, breakfast bars, Pop Tarts, etc.**

Faithfulness Report: Attendance: 3/24: 64
Gen Fund (plate and electronic): \$ 4629.00 Easter Flowers: \$120

Weekly Schedule.

MONDAY-TUESDAY (4/1-2) Pastor OUT OF OFFICE (no confirmation)
SUNDAY (4/7) 8:15am Bible Study/SS; 9:30am Worship

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

This week's Bible memory verse challenge: *1 Corinthians 15:3-4*
For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 25:6–9

- ⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.
- ⁷ And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.
- ⁸ He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
- ⁹ It will be said on that day,
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1–11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he

appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But 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. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Holy Gospel: Mark 16:1–8

¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.