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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! "Alleluia! Christ is risen!" Today, Christians all around the world are gathering to celebrate our Lord's resurrection from the dead. The darkness and gloom of Good Friday have given way to a new and glorious Easter morning, and all creation rejoices! Because the grave could not contain Jesus, neither will it be able to keep hold of us. Our sins have been forgiven. We have been set free. Alleluia!

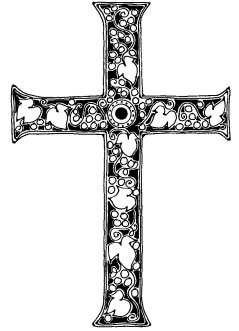
Welcome guests! We are delighted you are with us for worship this morning. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Jon, sign the guest book next to the front doors, and let us know how we can be of service to you. The order of service is printed in this bulletin starting on page 2. A cryroom is available 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: 462 All the Earth with Joy is Sounding

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,

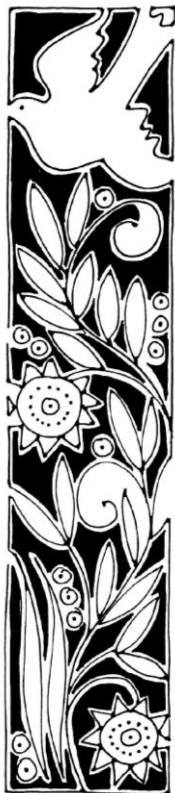
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Choral Offering: "Worthy is the Lamb"

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25



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 15:19-26

Alleluia Verse page 156

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

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:1-12 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: 474 Alleluia! Jesus is Risen

Sermon

Hymn: 461 I Know that my Redeemer Lives (st. 1-4)



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:

Brown family
Boniecki family
Mary Ellen's family

Death of Dottie
Death of Rose
Death of Mary Ellen

Teschke
McAllister
Hoppe

For those with health concerns:

Pat McCann	Janice Nuneviller	Cole Garrow	Barbara Nixon	Sid	Greg
Gordon Anderson	Donna Poucel	Lolly Hoagland	Claudia Zucker	Susan	Zane
Fran Byrzkinsky	Pete Serone	John Tarlo	Grant and Noah	Chris	JoAnne
Claudia Zucker	John O'Neil	Claire Haenisch	Monica Benesch	Rose	Claire
Kay Compton	Bob Van Hise	Terry Farley	Phil Unetic	Beverly	Barbara
George DiCostanzo	Freda Potts	Carl Lauricella	Pat Dietz	Mary	Brennan
Linda Wright	Dave Yost	Kathy	Anna		

For those with cancer:

Rosalie Reinbacher	Aaron Kline	Holly Bray	Lynn	Trudy
Rich Knechel	Karen Shevchuk	Gerry Campbell	Jason	Lance
Carol Tezla	Steve Saumsiegle	Brad Hoppe	Kathy	Linda
Nico Benesch	Nancy Gilliland	Aunt Jean	Sonia	Henry J.
Andrea(Andy) Hoteling	Kaleigh Moore	Mary Anne	Dora	Joan Rawls
Rich deDufour	Logan Mattessich	Frank Cignus	Doris	Rick Wright
Jane Fry	Marci Fehlhafer	Gerry Campbell	Barbara	.
Barbara Howard	Dick Butterfoss	Dave Bond	William	
Lexi Launchbaugh	Frumi C	Kim McCollough	Jerry	

For those with needs around the world:

Persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ	For protection, strength, comfort, spread of Gospel
Government officials and people of our nation	For peace, unity, safety, and wisdom
Those coping with disasters	For provision and help
Those in need of employment	For provision of jobs
Wars in Europe and Middle East	For peace, forgiveness, and guidance
Family of Olga Nichols living in Ukraine	For health, safety, and provision

For those serving in the armed forces:

LJ Lupinacci	Carrick Porter	Emily Arndt	Jake Grube	Jim Buckman
Daniel Gewecke	James Bannon	Harper Usiskin	Jesse Sowell	Mike Bahney

For St. Peter Lutheran Nursery School:

For staff and families of the school

For enrollment '25-'26

Birthdays:

Grant Gallagher	April 20	Fred Grube	April 23	Noah Wilhelm	April 23
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Gathering of the Offering and Offertory

Offertory: "Christ lag in Todesbanden" – W. Zachau

Congregational Offertory: 785 We Praise You, O God (1,3)

**We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, We kneel and adore You; We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.**

**With voices united our praises we offer And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us. To You, our great Redeemer,
forever be praise.**

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:

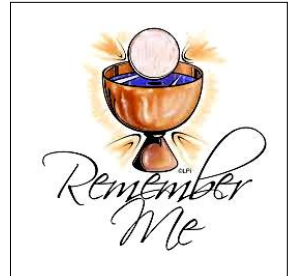
C: Our Father who art in heaven...

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: 633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing
475 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

Post Communion Cantic: 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: 457 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

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



SOMEONE who is ALIVE?



Announcements – Week of April 20, 2025

Need assistance? The Church Office is staffed each week

MON, TUES and WED from 1:00 - 3:00

Worship, Sunday School, and Bible Study

Welcome! Serving in worship today are (8:00/10:30): Norm Klesat/Kevin Lauricella (Communion Assistant and Reader), Juliet Behnfeldt/Nathan Wilhelm (Acolyte), Jason Bloom and Steven Behnfeldt/Jim Steimle and Tyson Wilhelm (Ushers), Lillian Maguire/Leslie Klesat (Communion/coffee set-up), Shirley Yost/Jeanne Hoppe (Communion/coffee clean-up), Tyson Wilhelm (Live-streaming 10:30 am).

Today's service will be live streamed on You Tube at 10:30 am at the following link:

<https://youtube.com/live/R666skSptns> If you miss the service live, watch it whenever you like! The services are also posted after the fact to the [church's website](#).

NO Sunday Bible Study or Discussion Group. Due to our Easter breakfast and Egg hunt, there will be no 8:15 Bible study or Discussion group after service today. We'll resume next Sunday, April 27, with our study of the Ten Commandments.

Wednesday Zoom Bible Study. Our evening classes are on break; Bible studies resume on May 14th!

Weekly Schedule:

MONDAY-FRIDAY	St. Peter Nursery School on Spring Break
TUESDAY (4/22)	6am Men's Breakfast at Orlando's
SUNDAY (4/27)	8:15am Sunday School/Adult Bible Study; 9:30am Worship; 11:00am Discussion Group; 6:30pm IMPACT Youth Group at St. Paul, Flemington

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

Operation Christmas Child. In April we will be collecting plastic tumblers (dollar store 3/\$1 are perfect), washcloths, and note-pads. Place in the box in the narthex. There is also a jar in the narthex to make donations toward the shipping costs - thanks so much!

St. Peter National Youth Gathering Easter Breakfast Fundraiser. The St. Peter delegation for the New Orleans Youth Gathering will be serving and helping with this year's Easter Breakfast and collecting free-will donations to put toward our outstanding trip expenses. Special thanks to Steve deDufour and Jim and Shirley Yost for helping coordinate our involvement. We're excited to be able to serve the congregation in this way and can't wait to share more about our fun plans for this summer. Be sure to take a look at the poster display in the Narthex. *If anyone has a Thrivent Action Gift card they could donate, we are looking for gift cards to pay for travel food for our trips down and back. Thank you!*

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.

The Prayer Shawl/Lap Blanket Ministry. Join us in making special blankets to bless those in need of comfort or in celebration of a life event! Please speak with Barbara Greenberg at (609) 512-1928.

Service and Other

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 - any varieties of noodles and sauces!

Faithfulness Report: Attendance: April 13: 88/11 online Gen Fund (plate and elec): \$ 5697
Operation Christmas Child: \$50 Youth Gathering: \$50 Easter Flowers: \$119

Website and Facebook. Come online to check us out! 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> .

St. Peter YouTube Channel. Increase St. Peter's online visibility by liking and subscribing to our YouTube channel (where we live-stream and record our worship services and Wednesday Zoom bible studies. It is linked to our church website, or go to YouTube and search "Saint Peter Lutheran Church".

Other Important web links:

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod lcms.org

NJ District LCMS njdistrict.org

LCMS World Relief and Human Care lcms.org/ca/worldrelief

The “Lutheran Hour” Broadcast lhm.org



THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 65:17–25

- ¹⁷ "Behold, I create new heavens
and a new earth,
and the former things shall not be
remembered
or come into mind.
¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever
in that which I create;
for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,
and her people to be a gladness.
¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and be glad in my people;
no more shall be heard in it the sound of
weeping
and the cry of distress.
²⁰ No more shall there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not fill out
his days,
for the young man shall die a hundred
years old,
and the sinner a hundred years old
shall be accursed.
²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit
them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat
their fruit.
²² They shall not build and another
inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days
of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the
work of their hands.
²³ They shall not labor in vain
or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be the offspring of the
blessed of the LORD,
and their descendants with them.
²⁴ Before they call I will answer;
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall graze
together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
and dust shall be the serpent's food.
They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain,"

says the LORD.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:19–26

¹⁹If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Holy Gospel: Luke 24:1–12

¹On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ²And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." ⁸And they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.