St. Peter's Lutheran Church April 9, 2023

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Easter Day — Festival of the Resurrection

April 9, 2023 — 8:45 AM

Gathering

Alleluia! Christ Has Risen! The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.



Prepare now to give thanks to God: Place an envelope in the offering plate on the way to Communion or use the QR code or download the Vanco Mobile app on your smart phone. Search on "York" and choose St Peter's Lutheran. It's easy! Give thanks generously for God's abundant grace.

Prelude

Invocation

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins In the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen. C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

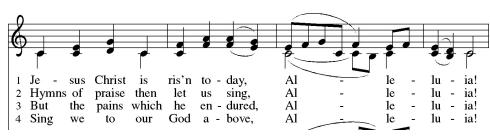
In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the holy city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. Even though we die, you open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water with your Holy Spirit and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, O God, our Beginning and our End, our Good Shepherd and Paschal Lamb, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Entrance Hymn #151 Green

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



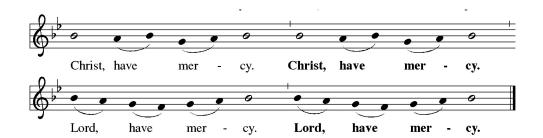


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Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**





Music: Plainsong

Hymn Of Praise #385 ELW

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!



Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Welcome & Announcements

The Liturgy of the Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading — Acts 10:34-43

A reading from Acts

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁶how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was

with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

'Give thanks to the LORD, for 'he is good; his mercy en-'dures forever.

²Let Israel | now proclaim, "His mercy en- | dures forever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength ' and my song, and he has become ' my salvation.

¹⁵There is a sound of exulta- 'tion and victory in the tents 'of the righteous:

16"The right hand of the LORD has triumphed!

The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"

¹⁷I shall not 'die, but live, and declare the works 'of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD has pun-'ished me sorely, but he did not hand me o-'ver to death.

¹⁹Open for me the 'gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks 'to the LORD.

²⁰"This is the gate ' of the LORD; he who is right- ' eous may enter."

- ²¹I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.
- ²²The same stone which the build- 'ers rejected has become the chief 'cornerstone.
- ²³This is 'the LORD's doing, and it is marvelous 'in our eyes.
- ²⁴On this day the LORD has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading — Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from Colossians

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are

on earth, ^afor you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ^aWhen Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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

Gospel Acclamation

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel. The cantor will sing the alleluia through once and then the congregation will repeat it. Following the verse, all sing it again together.



Alleluia. Christ, our paschal lamb, 'has been sacrificed.* Therefore, let us 'keep the feast. Alleluia. [1 Cor. 5:7, 8]

Gospel — Matthew 28:1-10

The Easter Gospel According to St. Matthew

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, ⁶Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here: for he has been

raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." "So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. "Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. "Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**.

Sermon

The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn Of the Day #143 Green

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947, alt.

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Köln, 1623

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Nicene Creed

Together with the whole church let us confess our faith.

C: 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic 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

Prayer of the Church

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray to the Father for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Almighty God, enliven your church to witness to your salvation. Accept our thanks for Dietrich Bonhoeffer and all theologians, preachers, and teachers who proclaim your gospel. Equip all the baptized to share the joy of the resurrection in our words and actions. Risen Lord, in your mercy, **C**: hear our prayer.

Bring forth abundant life as the green blade rises and all creation greets the resurrection dawn. Preserve vineyards and orchards and those who tend to them. Feed us with the fruits of creation. Risen Lord, in your mercy, **C**: hear our prayer.

Show your steadfast love without regard to borders, barriers, or human divisions. Infuse your justice in every nation of the world, that all experience the peace that only you can give. Risen Lord, in your mercy, **C**: hear our prayer.

Encourage us by Jesus' example in our ministries of healing, care, and outreach. Heal and support all who are sick, dying, or hospitalized, and for all health care workers who care for them. We pray especially for those we name before you now......Risen Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

Put gladness in our hearts as we rejoice in Jesus' resurrection. Inspire musicians and dancers to help us respond with joyous songs of victory. Bless all who foster our assembly's song. Risen Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

As you have raised Jesus from the dead, show us your resurrection promise. With your saints who sing your praise, free us from fear and empower us to go and tell the good news, so that all might come to know you on the day of Christ's coming in glory. Risen Lord, in your mercy, **C**: hear our prayer.

Rejoicing in the victory of the resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal Father; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. C: Amen.

Peace

Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, God does not hold our sins against us. This is true peace. Like Jesus with his disciples, the pastor shares the word of reconciliation from God to us.

The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.

We share Christ's forgiving and reconciling love with one another, binding ourselves to one another as community. As we are at peace with God, so we are also at peace with one another.

OFFERING – WE RETURN THANKS TO GOD AND SUPPORT GOSPEL MINISTRY



☑ Please prepare your offering in an envelope to place in the offering plate when you are dismissed for Communion **Or** use the QR code or download the Vanco Mobile app on your phone. You may also mail your offering to the church office or give through our website www.stpeterslutheranyork.com Also be sure you have filled out the attendance card.

Everything we are and have belongs to God and is entrusted to us for God's glory. We are committed to sharing God's resources so that we can be a vital center for the Gospel of Jesus Christ and help others locally and around the world.

The Great Thanksgiving - The Eucharistic Meal

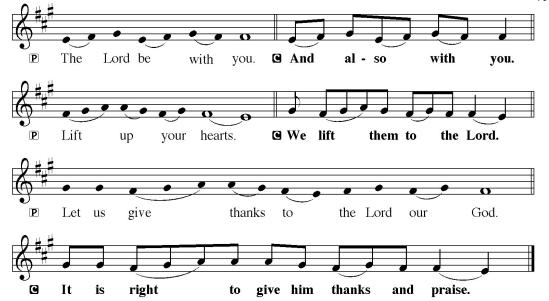
As the baptized children of God, we are invited by God to share the heavenly banquet. Jesus seats us at his table where we are delivered from sin, death, and evil by his body and blood from his death on the cross. In this meal, Jesus forgives our sins, granting us life and salvation. He is truly present here and reveals himself to us in the breaking of bread. When we share Jesus' meal, we receive the Holy Spirit to live in hope and joy.

Offering Prayer

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen Lord Jesus. In the pouring of this cup, pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. **C**: **Amen**.



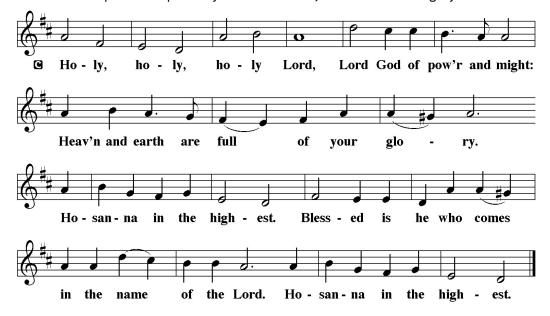
Dialogue



Preface

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



Eucharistic Prayer

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will. He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you created all things, and in whom you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary. He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. The mystery of faith:

C: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people. Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and cup; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever. **C: Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: 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

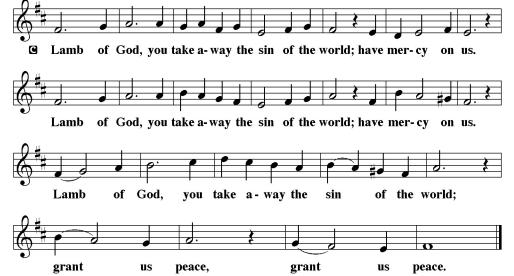
Fraction — The Breaking of the Bread

The Body of Christ is broken as he was broken for us in the Passover, in the loaves, and on the cross. He gives himself to us as he fed the multitudes. Jesus is the sacrificial Lamb who gave himself to deliver all people from slavery to sin.

When we eat this Bread, we share the Body of Christ; when we drink this Cup, we share the Blood of Christ.

C: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.





Distribution

The pastor will commune. Then she will commune those with infirmities in the pew. Then the congregation. Place your offering in the offering box and then take an empty cup. Receive the Body of Christ in your open palm from the pastor and then proceed to the assisting minister to receive the Blood of Christ. Return to your seat by the side aisle, placing your emptied cup into the bowl of water. Give thanks to God for such grace!

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say...

The body of Christ, given for you.

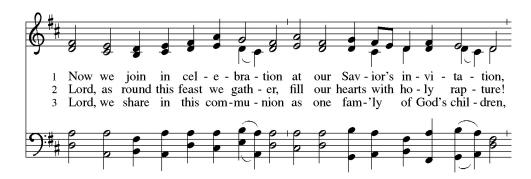
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

And each person may respond...

C: Amen.

Communion Hymn #203 Green

Now We Join in Celebration





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Post Communion Blessing

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Post Communion Prayr

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. **C: Amen.**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Benediction

Almighty God bless you on this solemn feast of Easter and protect you against all sin. **C: Amen**

Through the resurrection of his Son, God has granted us healing. May he fulfill his promises and bless you with eternal life. **C: Amen**

You have mourned for Christ's sufferings; now you celebrate the joy of his resurrection. May you come with joy to the feast which lasts forever. **C: Amen**

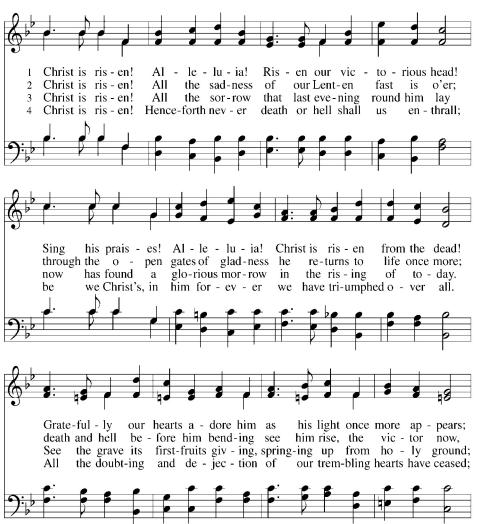
The blessing of the living God, Father,

Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn #131 Green







Text: John S. B. Monsell. 1811–1875, alt. Music: MORGENLIED, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God

In memory of Edna R. Rockerick, by her daughter, Annette Roderick.

The Bulletins are given to the glory of God

In memory of Samuel & Ruth Shettel, by Susan Shettel.

A Tribute Gift was given to the glory of God In memory of Helen & Sam Quickel.

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Easter Tulips & Lilies are given to the glory of God...

by Gail Bentzel

In memory of Debbie Stabley

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In memory of parents, Charlie & Mary Innerst In memory of parents & sister, Richard & Mildred Geisler & Sharon Blankenship

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In memory of Henry Snyder

In honor of Lois Snyder

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In memory of grandmother, Fanny Brothers

In memory of father, Kenneth Hinkle

In memory of mother, Ruth Hinkle

In memory of sisters, Sandra Hinkle, Dorinda Hinkle, Susan Holtry

by Chuck & Johnna Innerst & family

In memory of our parents Mary & Charlie Innerst & Pat & John Miller our sister, Joleen Brown & brother, Jim Miller

by Angela Kann & family

In memory of father, William Kline

by Christopher & Angela Kann

In honor of Katie, Hannah & Cassie Kann

by the Malehorn Family

In memory of our loved ones.

by Carolyn A. Nace

In memory of Dennis O. Nace

In memory of Helen & Lester Frey and Oliver & Mary Eppley Nace

by Annette Roderick

In memory of parents, Mr. & Mrs. Clinton H. Roderick, Jr.

In memory of grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Clinton H. Roderick, Sr.

In memory of grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Robert E. Rohrbaugh

In memory of Beulah Trout

In memory of Marie Williams

In thanksgiving for St. Peter's Youth

In honor or all who actively serve St. Peter's and it's mission

by Pastor Beth Schlegel

In memory of Betty Schlegel

In memory of William F. Schlegel

In memory of David Brent Schlegel

In honor of David Stoverschlegel

In honor of W. Brad Schlegel



God Has a Mission!

As disciples and stewards of Jesus Christ, we, the members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church are committed to the preaching § teaching of the Word of God to all people. We will reach out to one another and to others, giving and receiving, in worship, fellowship, and witness to Jesus Christ!

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This Week
CHURCH
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Monday thru Thursday 8:00 AM — 1:00 PM

Friday

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