

3rd Sunday of Easter



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Welcome to All in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord!

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Confession & Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Lord Jesus, you defeated the powers of evil and death. Lord, have mercy.

C: We confess letting fear of sin and death rob us of joy. Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord Jesus, you rose from the dead to give us hope and life. Christ, have mercy.

C: We confess our failure to proclaim this good news to others. Christ, have mercy.

P: Lord Jesus, you breathe your Holy Spirit onto us, giving us your peace. Lord, have mercy.

C: Forgive us our sins and bring us to new life. Lord, have mercy.

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **C: Amen**

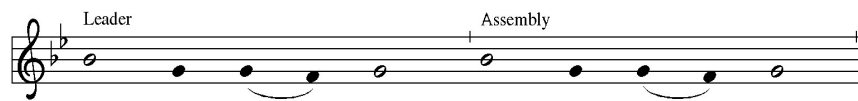
Apostolic Greeting

P: 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.**

Kyrie

The cantor begins and the congregation repeats.

Kyrie



Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Music: Plainsong

**Canticle
 Of Praise**
 #210
 Green

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
 2 Praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal

our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love

flow - ing from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 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!

7 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!

6 Now no more can death appall,
 now no more the grave enthrall;
 you have opened paradise,
 and your saints in you shall rise.
 Alleluia!

8 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: office hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814-1868, alt.
 Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566

Prayer of the Day
 P: Let us pray. . . .

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

The Liturgy of the Word

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

God engages us in holy conversation – speaking and listening.

Let us open our ears and hearts to hear God's voice in the words spoken to us.

Let us celebrate new life by putting God's Word into action.

First Reading – Acts 2:14a, 36-41

A reading from Acts

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ³⁶“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.” ³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.”

⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

Psalm 116:1-3,10-17

¹I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my ¹supplication,
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I ¹called upon him.

²**The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took ¹hold
of me; I came to ¹grief and sorrow.**

³Then I called upon the name ¹of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray you, ¹save my life.”

¹⁰**How shall I re- ¹pay the LORD
for all the good things he has ¹done for me?**

¹¹I will lift up the cup ¹of salvation and call upon the name ¹of the LORD.

¹²**I will fulfill my vows ¹to the LORD in the presence of ¹all his people.**

¹³Precious in the sight ¹of the LORD is the death ¹of his servants.

¹⁴**O LORD, I ¹am your servant; I am your servant and the child of your
handmaid; you have freed me ¹from my bonds.**

¹⁵I will offer you the sacrifice ¹ of thanksgiving
and call upon the name ¹ of the LORD.

¹⁶**I will fulfill my vows ¹ to the LORD in the presence of ¹ all his people,**

¹⁷in the courts of ¹ the LORD's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. ¹ Hallelujah!

Second Reading — 1 Peter 1:17-23

A reading from 1 Peter

¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. ²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

Gospel Acclamation #135

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Alleluia. Our hearts ¹ burn within us*
while you open to ¹ us the scriptures. *Alleluia.* (Luke 24:32)

Holy Gospel — Luke 24:13-35

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that

had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

The Message

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

**Hymn
of the
Day**
#54
OBS

Day of Arising



1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,
2 When we arc walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,
3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.
4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,



un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.
 blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,
 This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:
 bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.



When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,
 yet Christ walks with us ev - er a - wait - ing
 when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,
 Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing



and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.
 our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.
 there Christ is with us in bread and wine.
 that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien
 Music: BUNISSAN, Gaelic melody

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Nicene Creed

Together with the whole Church, we confess our faith:

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator 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**

Prayers of the Church

P: 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.

P: Ever-present God, make yourself known to us in the breaking of the bread and in the bonds of community around the Lord's table. Help us to see you in the faces of those we meet. Strengthened by Jesus' body and blood, let your church boldly live out your good news. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Make the hearts of your people burn as we learn and study your Word and see your promises fulfilled in Jesus. Hear us, O God.
C: Your mercy is great.

P: Give us courage to dedicate our lives to you, even when it is unpopular or difficult. Help us keep the needs of those most vulnerable at the forefront of our community. Move us to care for any who are disregarded or oppressed. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Use us to feed and comfort those who hunger. Open the hearts of those who hoard resources and lead them to share your abundance. We pray for anyone hungering for your comforting presence this day. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Be present with those who feel marginalized and unheard. Heal the souls of those who feel separated from you. Make whole all who suffer from disease or injury, especially those we name now..... Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: We remember with thanksgiving all your beloved saints, especially Toyohiko Kagawa, whom we commemorate today. As you have raised them to eternal life, abide with us in your promise of resurrection. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's 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, pastor shares the word of reconciliation from God to us.

P: 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.

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Thanksgiving For the Word

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen! **C: He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

P: We praise you, Holy God, who is, who was, and who is to come, for speaking us into existence, for speaking to us your loving will through the Holy Scriptures, and for speaking yourself into humanity in Jesus, your living Word. Grant us to receive your Word eagerly— hearing, reading, and learning it as our life story— so that we may grasp the hope of everlasting life given to us through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen. We praise you for your Word.

P: We radiate with your love, Merciful Father, as you have demonstrated it in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Shine the light of your love into all the world.

C: Amen. We praise you for your radiance and love.

P: You pour out the Holy Spirit on your church so that we may live as Jesus lives. Grant us the boldness to share the Good News of Jesus' forgiveness and grace to all who will listen.

C: Amen. We praise you for mercy and life.

P: Praise us from the dead through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

C: Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us how to pray.

**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.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Benediction

P: 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.

Closing Hymn

#674
Blue

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain

Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.

Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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 Music: David N. Johnson, 1922-1987
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Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen! **C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
 P: Go in peace. Share the good news **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Community Meal – Sunday, MAY 14, 11:00-12:30 PM – St. Peter's



Marjorie R. Rutter
August 19, 1939 – April 11, 2023

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life, Marjorie R. Rutter was commended to the Lord at a celebration of life tribute service on April 17, at Heffner Funeral Chapel & Crematory, York. Marjorie was the wife of the late Leo E. Rutter; the daughter of the late Paul & Pauline (Vogelson) Kreitzer; mother of Cindy Johnson, Tim Rutter, Tina Burkett; the grandmother of six grandchildren & four great grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to a favorite charity of your choice in Marjorie's memory.

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God's Has a Mission!

As disciples and stewards of Jesus Christ, we, the members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church are committed to the preaching and 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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Susan Becker—Tom Brusano—Evelin Burgos—Janice Cromer—Rich Davis—Bill Everhart—Don Gise—Shelva Gise—Bruce Harget—Samantha Hilker—Ken Humphreys—Lori Joseph—Phil Knobloch—John Lehr—Shirley Lutz—Ron Malehorn—Fabian Marrero—Michele McFarland—Philip Michael—Charlie Neff—Rowan Neff—Scott Neff—Jen Olson—Kathy Pugh—Dolores Rehmeyer—Betty Roach—Donna Roach—Jerry Schrum—George Shenberger—Emma Smyser—Nancy Stough Miller—James Thompson—Vickie Toomey—Matthew Walters—Zach Weiland—Margaret Wiley—Dave Yates—Lois Yates—the family & friends of Marjorie Rutter.

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