

4th 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**

#128
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Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!

1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!

Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
 God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!

of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
 when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!

at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
 met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. . . .

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, 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 2:42-47

A reading from Acts

⁴²[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles.

⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

**Psalm
Hymn**
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The Lord's My Shepherd

1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in pres - ence of my foes;
5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,

in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
 with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake;
 for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;
 my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
 and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be;

He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
 with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
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Text: *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1650
 Music: BROTHER JAMES' AIR, J. L. Macbeth Bain, c. 1840–1925; arr. Gordon Jacob, 1895–1984

Second Reading — 1 Peter 2:19-25

A reading from 1 Peter

¹⁹It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. ²²"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."
²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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. Jesus says, I am ¹ the good shepherd.*
I know my own and my ¹ own know me. *Alleluia.* (John 10:14)

Holy Gospel — John 10:1-10

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

[Jesus said:] ¹“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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

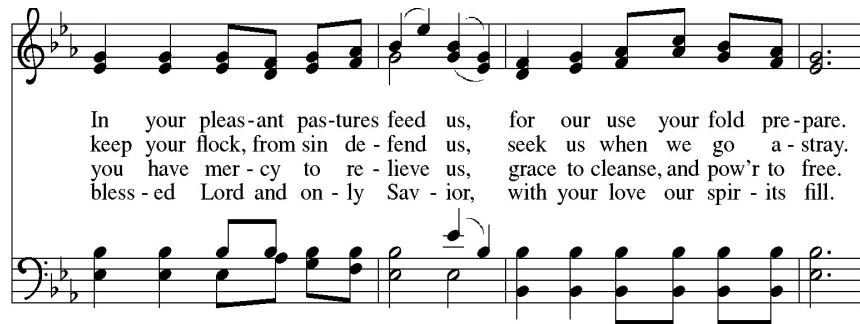
The Message

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

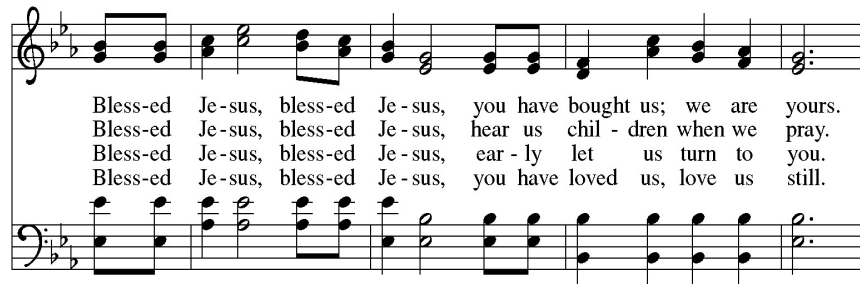
Hymn
of the
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Savior, like A Shepherd Lead Us

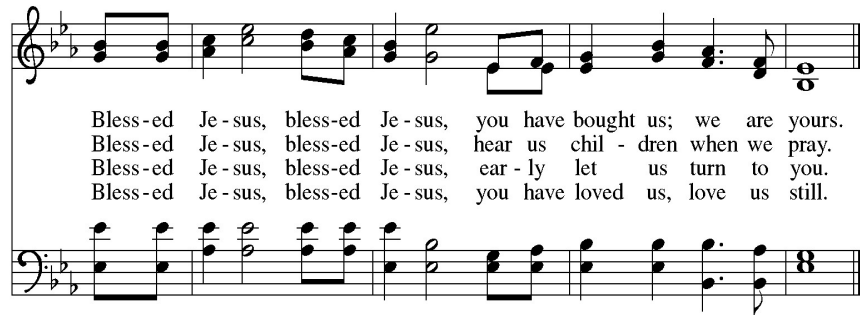
1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.
 keep your flock, from sin de-fend us, seek us when we go a-stray.
 you have mer-cy to re-lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 bless-ed Lord and on-ly Sav-ior, with your love our spir-its fill.



Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear us chil-dren when we pray.
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, ear-ly let us turn to you.
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-1847
 Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

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: Help your church to listen for the voice of the Good Shepherd, Jesus, especially when the voices of sin, idolatry, and oppression threaten to overpower us. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Sustain your creation with a love that is both mighty and just. Where there is destruction, bring healing. Where there is desolation, bring abundance. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Direct leaders in our own time to learn from Jesus' example of shepherding love and his instruction in the way, the truth, and the life. Give them servant hearts, that they may generously seek the good of all. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Journey with us wherever our paths may lead. Give peace and assurance to those feeling overwhelmed by anxiety or depression or suffering in any way, especially those we name now..... Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: By your Word and sacraments, be the gate that gives safety to your beloved flocks. Provide protection for refugees, victims of domestic violence, those who are imprisoned, and all people who are vulnerable to violence and mistreatment. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Call your sheep by name and lead us through the valley of the shadow of death. Accept our thanks for those who have died and now dwell in your house forever. Comfort those who mourn, and give them hope in the 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.

Thanksgiving We respond to God's abundant grace and mercy

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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: Raise 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

#196
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Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -
by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
 firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
 ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

Text: Howard C. A. Gaunt, 1902–1983, alt.
 Music: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN, Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, adapt.
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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

Pr Schlegel will be on retreat – MAY 1 & 2

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

Council Meeting – Tuesday, MAY 16, 7:00 PM

**Memorial Service for [Bob & Mildred Zeigler Jr.]
 Saturday, MAY 27, 10:00 AM – at St. Peter's Lutheran**



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 (Vogelsong) 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 Majorie's memory.

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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!



MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Susan Becker—Tom Bruson—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—Brenda Croumer Miller—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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This Week CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday
9:00 AM — 1:00 PM

Tuesday thru Thursday
8:00 AM — 1:00 PM

Friday
Office Closed