

# 5th Sunday of Easter



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

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### Gathering

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

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### Welcome & Announcements

### 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **C: Amen**

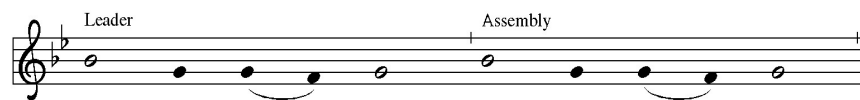
### Apostolic Greeting

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**

#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!

## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. . . .

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

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## 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.

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## First Reading – *Acts 7:55-60*

*A reading from Acts*

<sup>55</sup>Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>"Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" <sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup>Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup>Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

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

## Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

<sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be <sup>1</sup> put to shame; deliver me <sup>1</sup> in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>**Incline your <sup>1</sup> ear to me; make haste to de-<sup>1</sup> liver me.**

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag <sup>1</sup> and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead <sup>1</sup> me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup>**Take me out of the net that they have secretly <sup>1</sup> set for me, for you are my tow-<sup>1</sup> er of strength.**

<sup>5</sup>Into your hands I com-<sup>1</sup> mend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O <sup>1</sup> God of truth.

<sup>15</sup>**My times are <sup>1</sup> in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who <sup>1</sup> persecute me.**

<sup>16</sup>Make your face to shine up-<sup>1</sup> on your servant, and in your loving-<sup>1</sup> kindness save me.

## Second Reading — 1 Peter 2:2-10

*A reading from 1 Peter*

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—<sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. <sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." <sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. <sup>8</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>9</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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.* I am the way, the truth, and the life.\*

No one comes to the Father except through me. *Alleluia.* (John 14:6)

## Holy Gospel — John 14:1-14

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you

know the way to the place where I am going.”<sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?”<sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.”<sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

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**  
#758  
ELW

### You Are the Way

1 You are the way; to you a - lone from sin and death we flee;  
 2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;  
 3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;  
 4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,

all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.  
 you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.  
 and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.  
 that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

## 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: God of life, strengthen your church to proclaim your gospel even in times of trouble. As we remember Stephen, we give thanks for diaconal ministry. Bless all deacons and deaconesses and strengthen them for their bridge-building ministry between church and world. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Show your steadfast love through all creation. Protect the earth's diverse habitats from the forces of pollution, erosion, extinction, and global warming. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: By your Spirit, guide us into all truth. Give wisdom to world and local leaders and organizations as they begin, build, or renew relationships. Strengthen leaders and aid organizations in areas needing to be rebuilt following conflict, unrest, or natural disaster. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Abide with refugees, those experiencing homelessness, those fleeing war and poverty, and all who question if there is a home in your heart. Be a healing presence for all who are sick, *especially*..... Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Accompany your people amid uncertainty and change. Uphold people in this community who have recently moved, changed jobs or schools, retired, or are going through transitions of any kind. Lead us in your ways. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Gather us with all the saints at your heavenly banquet. Accept our thanks for those who have gone before us and who show us your love. Grant confidence and comfort for all awaiting the place you have prepared as we wait for the glorious coming of our Savior at the last day. 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**  
#369  
Green

## The Church's One Foundation

1 The church's one founda - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,  
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

**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**


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**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**

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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!*

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- ◆ The one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
- ◆ The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America—  
Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton.
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- ◆ We are partners with the Iyunga Parish in Tanzania, Pastor Jimmy Mwakomile, and the Konde Diocese, Bishop Edward Mwaikali

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

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