

*St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church*

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*April 14, 2024*

*The Third Sunday of Easter*

**Service Notes** - The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64f) will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, 150. Prayers for preparation for worship are on pages 10 and 11 in the hymnal. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.

- Guests, please sign the guest registry in the narthex.

- If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please talk to him (734-658-5735).

**Holy Communion** will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

## **THE COMMON SERVICE (page 15)**

### **OPENING HYMN: #142 "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"**

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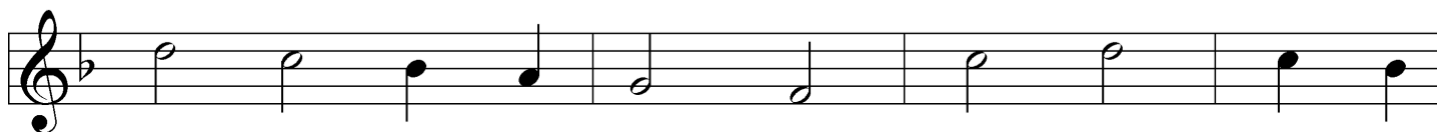
## Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain



1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - um - phant  
 2 All the win - ter of our sins, Long and dark, is  
 3 But to - day a - mong his own Christ ap - peared, be -



glad - ness! God has brought his Is - ra - el  
 fly - ing From his light, to whom we give  
 stow - ing Bless - ed peace, which ev - er - more



In - to joy from sad - ness. See the spring of  
 Laud and praise un - dy - ing. Nei - ther could the  
 Pass - es hu - man know - ing. Come, you faith - ful,



souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on And from  
 gates of death Nor the tomb's dark por - tal Nor the  
 raise the strain Of tri - um - phant glad - ness! God has



three days' sleep in death As a sun has ris - en.  
 watch - ers nor the seal Hold him as a mor - tal.  
 brought his Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness.

**STAND**

**M:** In the name of the Father and of (+) the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

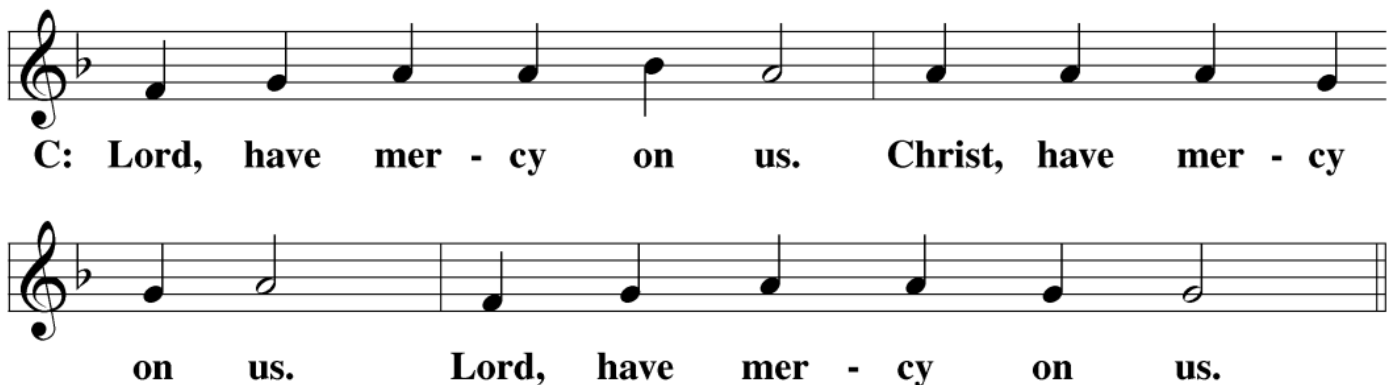


**CONFESSION OF SINS**

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

**LORD, HAVE MERCY (Kyrie)**



**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his

authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



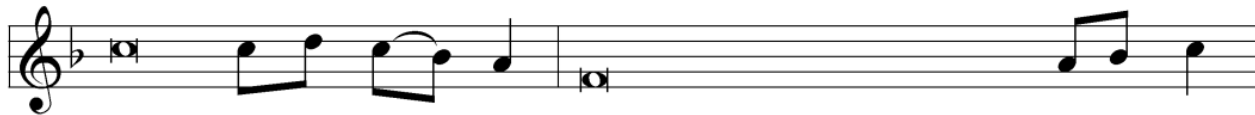
C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of  
 God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on - ly are holy;  
 you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,  
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

**M:** Let us pray.

O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

**BE SEATED**



## THE WORD

### **FIRST LESSON:** Acts 4:8-12

<sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup> if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup> let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. <sup>11</sup> This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. <sup>12</sup> And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

### **PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 118**

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*Refrain*

This is the day the Lord has made, let us re-  
joice and be glad! This is the day the  
Lord has made, let us re-joice and be glad!

*Psalm tone*

\*  
The LORD is my strength and my song;  
he has become my salvation.

The LORD is my strength and my song;\*  
he has become my salvation.

The LORD'S right hand is lifted high;\*  
the LORD'S right hand has done mighty things!

I will not die but live,\*  
and will proclaim what the LORD has done. ***Refrain***

I will give you thanks, for you answered me;\*  
you have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;\*  
the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made;\*



let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\***

**and to the Holy Spirit,**

**as it was in the beginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. Amen. *Refrain***

**SECOND LESSON: 1 John 1:1 – 2:2**

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—<sup>2</sup> the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—<sup>3</sup> that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup> This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

**2** My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. <sup>2</sup> He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

## **VERSE OF THE DAY** (Cantor sings)

**Verse of the Day** - Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Our hearts were burning within us while he talked to us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us. Alleluia!

### **STAND**

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



## **GOSPEL:** Luke 24:36-49

<sup>36</sup> As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" <sup>37</sup> But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup> And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?" <sup>39</sup> See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup> And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup> And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?"

<sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate before them.

<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

## **NICENE CREED**

**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,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,**

**and became fully human.**

**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,**

**who in unity with the Father and the Son is**

**worshiped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

***BE SEATED***

**HYMN OF THE DAY: #160 “This Joyful Eastertide”**

**Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934.**

## This Joyful Eastertide



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and  
 2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the  
 3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son



sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,  
 riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill  
 slum - ber Till trump from east to west



Has sprung to life this mor - row.  
 My pass - ing soul de - liv - er.  
 Shall wake the dead in num - ber.

*Refrain*

Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst his three - day



pris - on, Our faith had been in vain: But



now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -



ris - en; But now is Christ a - ris - en.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934.

Tune: VRUECHTEN (67 67 with Refrain)  *Davids Psalmen*, Amsterdam, 1684.

# SERMON

STAND

## PSALM 51 RESPONSE (page 20)



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR THE EASTER (page 124)

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**M:** O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation,  
you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son,  
Jesus Christ, from the dead.

**C:** Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through  
our Lord Jesus Christ.

**M:** In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd,  
who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

**C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.**

**M:** Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory.

**C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.**

**M:** Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

**C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.**

**M:** Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

**C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## ***BE SEATED***

*Please use this time for personal preparation or meditation before the Lord's Supper. A form to assist you is on page 156 in the front part of the hymnal.*

***NOTE:*** *Please be prepared to receive the host in your outstretched hand, rather than in your mouth.*



## **THE SACRAMENT**

### **PREFACE**

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.



**M:** Lift up your hearts.



**C:** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



**C:** It is good and right so to do.

**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** (*Sanctus*)



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the


forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**M:** The peace (+) of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

**BE SEATED**

## DISTRIBUTION ANTHEM: “When Time Was Full, God Sent

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- 1 When time was full, God sent His Son to save those under the Law; His destined path Christ did not shun, But faced death's hungry maw. As Life was swallowed up and died, Creation shook and groaned; Its Lord and Maker crucified, Deposed, entombed, disowned.
- 2 This holy Jonah undecayed lay still within the whale; This Lord of Life on death then preyed; Hell's titan to impale; From gaping jaws came forth this King, With death the casualty! Colossal foe, where now your sting? Where, grave, your victory?
- 3 God's valiant One, once sacrificed, Is high exalted now, That at the name of Jesus Christ Each knee should surely bow; Each tongue confess and praise the Lamb, Our resurrected Lord, The First and Last, the great I AM Acclaimed, enthroned, adored!

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:**

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**#161** "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands"

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## 168

## With High Delight Let Us Unite



1 With high de - light Let us u - nite In songs of sweet  
 2 True God, he first From death has burst Forth in - to life,  
 3 Let prais - es ring; Give thanks and bring To Christ our Lord



ju - bi - la - tion. You pure in heart, Each take your part,  
 all sub - du - ing. His en - e - my Shall van - quished lie;  
 ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed By word and deed



Sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To set us free  
 His death has been death's un - do - ing. "And yours shall be  
 To ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So shall his love



For - ev - er, he Is ris'n and sends To all earth's  
 Like vic - to - ry O'er death and grave," Said he, who  
 Give us a - bove, From mis - er - y And death set



ends Good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.  
 gave His life for us, life re - new - ing.  
 free, All joy and full con - so - la - tion.

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# 161 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands



1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands For our of -  
 2 It was a strange and dread - ful strife When life and  
 3 Here the true Pas - chal Lamb we see, Whom God so  
 4 So let us keep the fes - ti - val To which the



fens - es giv - en; But now at God's right hand he stands  
 death con - tend - ed. The vic - to - ry re - mained with life;  
 free - ly gave us; He died on the ac - curs - ed tree—  
 Lord in - vites us; Christ is him - self the joy of all,



And brings us life from heav - en. There - fore let us  
 The reign of death was end - ed. Ho - ly Scrip - ture  
 So strong his love— to save us. See, his blood now  
 The sun that warms and lights us. Now his grace to



joy - ful be And sing to God right thank - ful - ly  
 plain - ly says That death is swal - lowed up by death,  
 marks our door; Faith points to it; death pass - es o'er,  
 us im - parts E - ter - nal sun - shine to our hearts;



Loud songs of hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
 Its sting is lost for - ev - er. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
 And Sa - tan can - not harm us. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
 The night of sin is end - ed. Hal - le - lu - jah!

# THANKSGIVING (page 24)

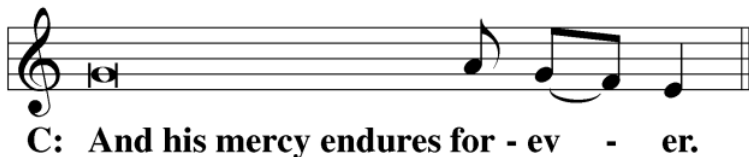
STAND

## SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc Dimittis*)



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

**M:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

- Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service
- 10:45 Adult Bible Class
- Wednesday - 9:30 AM Online Bible Class
- Thursday - 7:00 PM Senior Choir
- Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service
- 10:45 AM Adult Bible Class

Serving April 21: Altar Guild – Thea Bude; Ushers – Team 1

**SERVICE OF LOVE** – St. Peter's Church and Preschool has the opportunity to donate to Ypsilanti's Hope Clinic Pantry. We are collecting items until **Monday, April 15**. Please donate **cleaning supplies**: dish soap, laundry detergent, paper towels, and toilet paper; **baby care items**: diapers, pull-ups, and wipes (no clothes or blankets); **non-perishable food**; and **hygienic items**: toothpaste, toothbrushes, and dental floss. Please place items in the church narthex or basement or the school hallway. Contact Becky Lohrmann, 734-417-0428 or [lohrmannr@yahoo.com](mailto:lohrmannr@yahoo.com). Thank you!



**Lutheran Women’s Missionary Society (LWMS) Spring Rally –**  
 Saturday, April 27, 8:30 AM, Divine Grace, 3000 S. Lapeer Road,  
 Orion with Pastor Jacob Haag from the University of Michigan  
 Campus Ministry.

**PASTORAL CARE & MERCY** – Please remember with prayers,  
 cards and visits those whose needs have been reported.

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