

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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.

- Please sign the friendship registry in the pews before the service or during the offering. If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please note your request.

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"

STAND

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

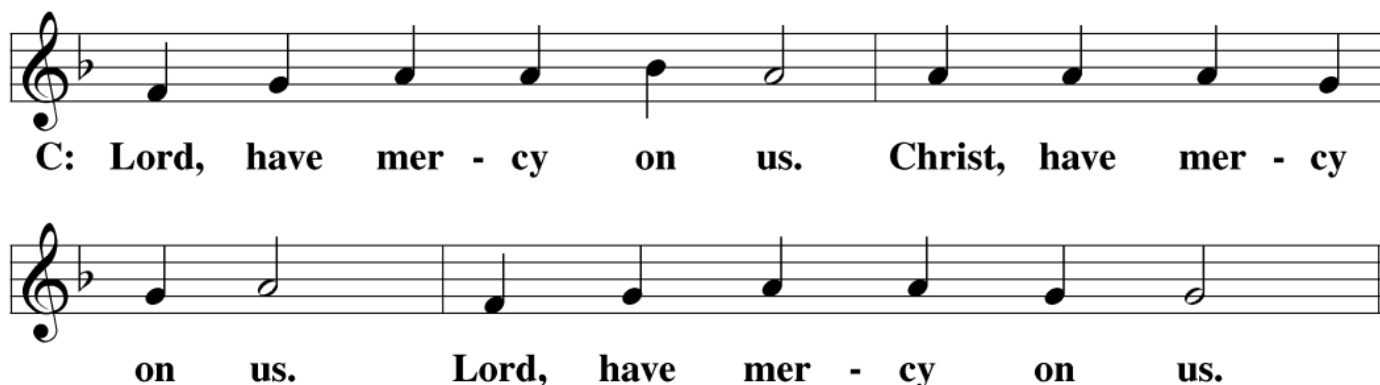


CONFESSION OF SINS

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.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

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



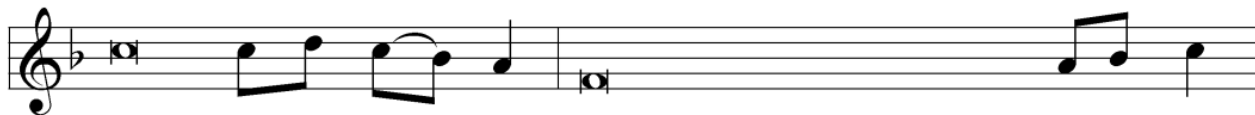
C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



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

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹ if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹² 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 118 – The soloist sings “This is the Day”

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Refrain: This is the day the Lord has made, Alleluia!
Let us rejoice and be glad!

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God’s mercy endures forever. Let the house of Israel say, “God’s mercy endures forever!” (Refrain)

The hand of the Lord has triumphed. God’s right hand is exalted. I shall not die, but I shall live, declaring the deeds of the Lord. (Refrain)

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. These things the Lord has done; it is wonderful in our eyes. (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— ² 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— ³ 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.

⁴ And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵ 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. ⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ 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. ⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ 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. ² 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 (sung by the soloist)

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:



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL: Luke 24:36-49

³⁶ As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” ³⁷ But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸ And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ 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.” ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴ 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.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ 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.”



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”

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.

BE SEATED

OFFERING

OFFERING ANTHEM: "When Time Was Full, God Sent His Son"

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When time was full, God sent his Son to save those under 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.

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?

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!

STAND

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

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.

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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.



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.



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.

The image shows five lines of musical notation for the 'Agnus Dei' response. Each line begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, homophonic style. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating where the melody continues across lines. The text is: '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.' The final line ends with a double bar line.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

#168 “With High Delight Let Us Unite”

#161 “Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands”

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

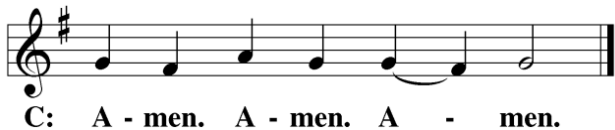
forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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.



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Organist: Mrs. Jan Jacobi; Soloist: Lois Bude

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Today	- 9:30 AM Divine Service - 10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
Tuesday	- 7:00 PM Quarterly Voters' Assembly
Wednesday	- 9:00 AM Bible Class
Thursday	- 6:40 PM Handbell Choir practice - 7:00 PM Senior Choir practice
Sunday	- 9:30 AM Divine Service - 10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

Serving next week: Altar Guild – Shenal Smith; Ushering – Team 1

Confirmation Reception Brunch: Sunday, April 29, 10:45 AM. All are invited to a potluck brunch honoring our confirmands on April 29 following the Divine Service. Please bring a dish to share and join these young people in celebrating a milestone in their Christian life.

ROOTS MONTESSORI As announced after church on Sunday, April 8th, St. Peter's is in discussions with a group that wants to establish a Montessori school using a portion of our facility. The name of their school will be Roots Montessori. Representatives from the Church Council, Board of Trustees, the Board of Education/Stewardship and pastor met with the group leaders and the following highlights reflect key aspects of the discussion:

1. Roots Montessori do not plan to include pre-school in their program but would rather partner with existing pre-schools in the area, including ours, to set up a feeder source for their school. They will initially focus on grade 1-6 but would like to expand to higher grades at some point.
2. They would like to lease three (3) classrooms from us and share the gym as appropriate.
3. Although specific numbers were not discussed, we did discuss various aspects of the lease (term, maintenance, utilities, improvements) and it was made clear they are willing to work with St. Peter's in a reasonable fashion.
4. The curriculum they plan to use will include Christian-based values teaching and Pastor Schaefer was able to ask them questions and was satisfied with their responses.

The next step in our plan is to present this message at the **Voter's Meeting this week on Tuesday, April 17 at 7 p.m.** to share information and entertain discussion. It is felt that this is a very good opportunity for St. Peter's both from a community outreach perspective and from a facility use perspective. If you have any questions in advance of the Voter's Meeting, please contact us.

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