

Second Sunday of Easter

St. Peter Lutheran Church

April 12, 2026

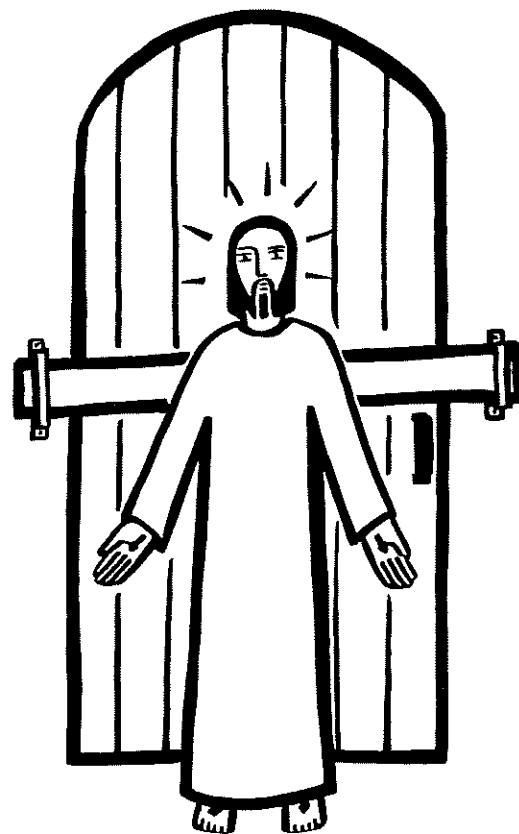
Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Setting Eight

Welcome to St. Peter Lutheran Church!

If you are a guest with us this morning, we welcome you to fill out a connection card, located in the pew rack. You are welcome to share as much information with us as you are comfortable sharing. Please place the cards in the baskets at the head of the aisle during the Communion distribution.

For Worship, everything you need is included in this bulletin except for the hymns, which are found in the red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal.



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE: *Peace* by Bethel Music & *We the Kingdom*
Breathe by The Brilliance

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! **Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.
You lead us beside still waters.
We thank you for the waters of creation:
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.
We thank you for the waters that nourish us:
Lake Erie, and the Maumee and Portage Rivers.
Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness
who accompanies us on our journeys.
We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.
We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.
Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.
Break down barriers that divide us.
Fill us with the breath of peace.
Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
And for making us a new creation.
We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and
forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright* **384**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE: *This is the Feast* (next page)

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



Refrain
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a; 22-32

A reading from Acts.

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ²² "Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know ²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹ "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.

³² "This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

Word of God, word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 16

We sing the refrain, then read the Psalm responsively, singing the refrain where indicated with an "R".

Psalm 16

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Refrain

Lord, in you I trust. You are my God.

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- ¹ Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all
other."
² **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**
- ³ But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.
⁴ **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips. R**
- ⁵ O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.
⁶ **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**
- ⁷ I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.
⁸ **I have set the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be
shaken. R**
- ⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.
¹⁰ **For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.**
- ¹¹ You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are
pleasures forevermore. R

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9

A reading from First Peter.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 20: 19-31

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *We Walk by Faith*

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**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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified,
who 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 INTERCESSION

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

We greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

OFFERING: *Go In Peace* by Poor Clare

The offering is collected. You can share your tithes and offerings by:

- *Cash or check using envelopes in the pews*
- *Sending a check via your bank's bill pay feature*
- *Using this QR code to give via debit or credit card*
- *or to set up automated giving through Vanco.*



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God,

accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Welcome to the Table of the Lord! We commune in a continuous fashion forming two lines down the center aisle. Receive the host from the pastor and then take an individual glass which will be filled from the pouring chalice. You are welcome to fill out a connection card (from the pew racks) and place it in the container at the head of the aisle.

COMMUNION HYMN: *Carried To the Table* by Leeland

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, + bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: *If We've Ever Needed You* by Casting Crowns

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given in memory of Joey Hartford's birthday by Rufena Hartford.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Musician	John Beamer
Video Tech	Mark Cuthbertson
Greeter	Pam King
Usher	
Reader	Kim Reif
Communion	Mary Dehring, Pam King
Fellowship	Wendy Millinger

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Today	Worship	8:45 AM
	Sunday School	10:00 AM
	Property Ministry Mtg	10:00 AM
	Adult Sunday School	10:15 AM
	Catechism	12:00 -1:15 PM
Mon	Deadline for Preschool	Little Caesar's Orders
Tues	Sewing Quilts	9:00 AM
	Easter Meal at Salem	12 Noon-5:00 PM
Wed	A.A.	8:00 PM

SALEM LUTHERAN EASTER MEAL: April 14th we will be cooking and serving a ham with scalloped potatoes dinner. We will need helpers to cook, serve, and cleanup. Also a lot of cakes and pies will be needed. Salem is still serving **350 meals each Tuesday!** Kitchen help should arrive at 12 NOON, Servers by 2PM, and Cleanup crew by 3 PM. Also that evening, Salem will be having a baby shower. They have 5 expectant mothers registered. Request includes diapers, bottles, bottle brush, blankets, pacifiers and first aid kits.

KISERENY COLLECTION: During the season of Easter (the months of April and May) we are taking a freewill Collection for our partner congregation and preschool in Kisereny, Tanzania. Let's give generously!

PASTOR MATT will be out of town this Wednesday—Friday (April 15-17). Pastor Shawn O'Brien will be available for pastoral emergencies (419-378-1112).

PRECIOUS MOMENTS PRESCHOOL : Orders and payment are due April 13th (tomorrow) for their Little Ceasar's fundraiser. Delivery is the week of April 27th. **Online orders due April 12th today**, Fundraiser ID#51352. Order form and info on the table in the Narthex.

CHICKEN & BISCUIT DINNER: Today at St. John, Rocky Ridge. Serving starts at 11:30 am until sold out. Dine in or carry out, free will donation.

NORTH CENTRAL SPRING ASSEMBLY: April 25th at 8:15 AM Zion Lutheran Church, Luckey. Pre-registration deadline is April 18th. Registration is \$12, covers a continental breakfast, speakers, and lunch. Sign up sheet is on table in Narthex.

SUNDAY SCHOOL'S APRIL BIBLE VERSE: "The joy of the Lord is my strength." -Nehemiah 8:10

THANK YOU: to the Sunday School children and others who helped make the candy and bake sale for missions so successful.

WANTED- NEEDED: The Sewing Ladies are in need of gently used sheets to use as backing for their quilts. They will take king, queen, double and twin (top sheet only of twins) sheets. Donations can be placed on the sewing table in the Fellowship hall. If more information is needed contact Linda Sigurdson.

WELCOME: It is with great joy that Bob & Becky Beyer announce the arrival of their First Grandson, Owen Michael, son of Charles and Nicole Moore. Owen was born April 3, 2026 @11:38PM at Promedica Toledo Hospital. He weighed in at 7 lbs. 2ozs and 20.5 inches. Congratulations to the new parents and grandparents. May the Lord Bless Owen.

INVITATION TO: Ottawa County Women of Faith Fellowship Brunch, Saturday, May 9, 10:00 AM at Elliston Zion United Methodist Church. Registration fee of \$10.00 is due by May 5th. Brunch music will be offered by Tracie, Dwayne and Paul with wonderful dulcimer and string music. The featured presentation is the Award Winning Musical Norman Rockwell—Kerry Patrick Clark! Reservations are open now! Check out the flyer on the bulletin board for more information and how to register.

ROGATION DAYS: Mark your calendars for Blessing of Farms on May 10-14. Check out the flyer for May 14 for Worship and dinner at Solomon Lutheran Church, Woodville, OH

ATTENDANCE: April 5th **Worship:** 152 **SS:** No Sunday School

TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

Current: \$3,966.10	Loose Change: \$339.25	
Benevolence: \$110	Building Fund: \$196	M. Thurs: \$195
Good Fri: \$422	St. Luke's: \$4,085	Sun Sch: \$64
Roof/Boiler Loan: \$145	Easter Flowers: \$69	

ATTENDANCE: March 29 **Worship:** 87 **SS:** 21

TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

Current: \$ 2,371.20	Loose Change: \$10	Loose Checks: \$100
Benevolence: \$64	Building Fund: \$185	Propane: \$15
Altar Flowers: \$25	Lent: \$130	Good Friday: \$20
Music Academy Offering: \$147	Roof/Boiler Loan: \$95	
Copy Reimbursement: \$2	Easter Flowers: \$386	SS: \$24
Initial Envelopes: \$6	Sun School Bake Sale: \$203.75	
Sunday School Missions: \$3		

WANTED: WORSHIP ASSISTANTS, FELLOWSHIP HOSTS AND FLOWER DONORS. As you can see there are several positions available to donate your helping hands to help our worship service run smoothly. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex on the table, or on the bulletin board next to the office. Readings are usually available by the 15th of the month prior to reading. They are located in the pocket holder in the mail room so labeled.

APRIL WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

April 19

Greeter:
Usher:
Reader: Mary Dehring
Communion: Beth Lepper
 Wes Gahler
Fellowship:
Flowers: Wes & Judy Gahler

MAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

May 3

Greeter:
Usher:
Reader:
Children's Message:
Communion:
Fellowship:
Flowers: Claudette Allred
Lectern Flowers: Anonymous

May 17: CONFIRMATION

Greeter:
Usher:
Reader:
Communion: Mary Dehring
 Wes Gahler
Fellowship:
Flowers: Larry & Karen Schanke

May 31

Greeter:
Usher:
Reader:
Communion:
Fellowship:
Flowers:

April 26

Greeter: Pam King
Usher:
Reader: Karen Schanke
Communion: Pam King
 Wes Gahler
Fellowship:
Flowers: Jean Witt

May 10

Greeter: Pam King
Usher:
Reader:
Communion: Pam King
 Mary Dehring
Fellowship:
Flowers: Wes & Judy Gahler
Lectern Flowers: Mark & Becky
 Cuthbertson

May 24: PENTECOST

Greeter: Pam King
Usher:
Reader: Mary Dehring
Communion: Pam King
 Wes Gahler
Fellowship:
Flowers:

St. Peter Lutheran Church
Worship 8:45 am
Sunday School 10:00 am (Sept-May)
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