

Fourth Sunday of Easter

St. Peter Lutheran Church

April 26, 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

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: *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us* **789**

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

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.

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.

Amen.

Please be seated.

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.

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day 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, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Word of God, word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

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

Scottish Psalter, 1650

Hal H. Hopson

Refrain

The Lord's my Shep-herd, I'll not
want. The Lord's my Shep-herd.

Refrain text: Scottish Psalter, 1650, *alt.* (PD).

Music: Hal H. Hopson, and copyright © 2008 Birmamwood/MorningStar Music Publishers.

¹ The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

² **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³ You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod
and your staff, they comfort me. R**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the
days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of
the LORD forever. R**

SECOND READING: First Peter 2:2-10

A reading from First Peter.

¹⁹ It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. ²¹ For 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."

²³ When 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. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (next page)

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

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. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* **807**

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 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.

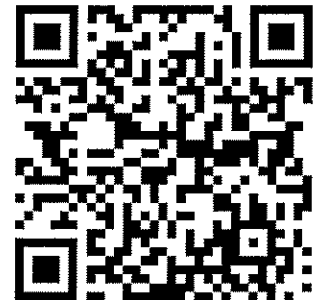
And also with you.

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

OFFERING

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: *(next page)*

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

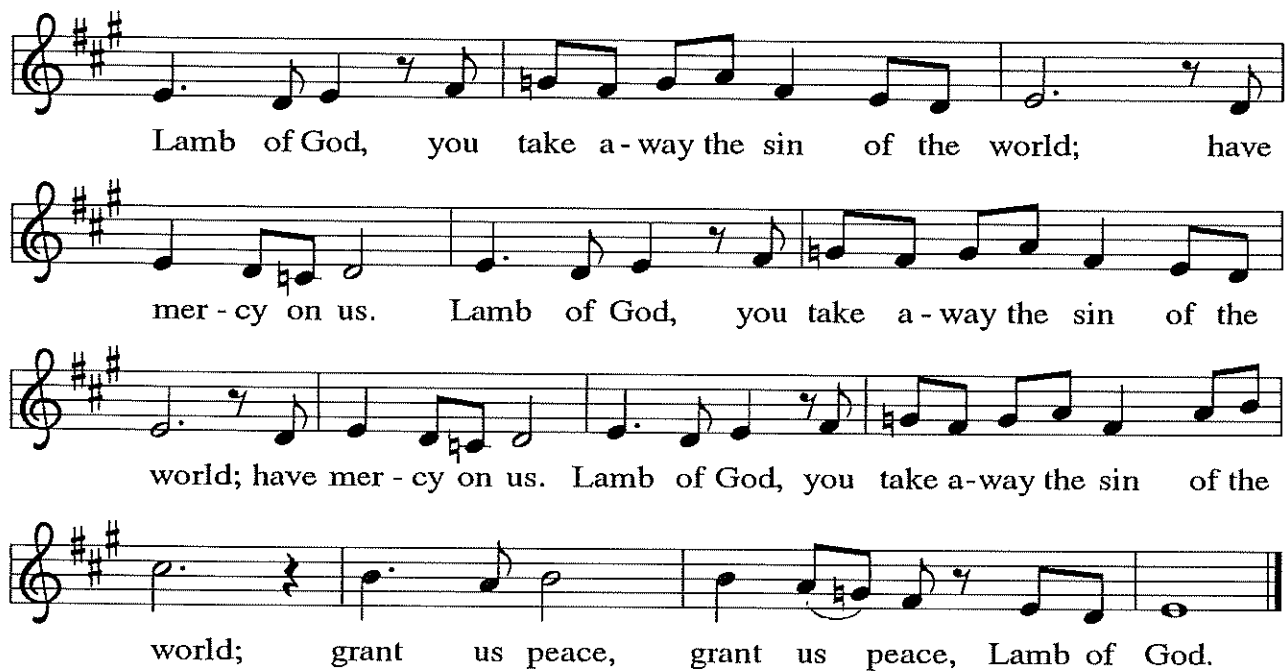
LORD'S PRAYER

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: You Satisfy the Hungry Heart 484

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: The King of Love My Shepherd Is 502

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given in memory of Wilbur Witt by Jean Witt.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Musician	John Beamer
Video Tech	Mark Cuthbertson
Greeter	Pam King
Usher	
Reader	Karen Schanke
Communion	Pam King, Wes Gahler
Fellowship	Claudette Allred

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Today	Worship	8:45 AM
	Sunday School	10:00 AM
	Adult Sunday School	10:15 AM
	Caring Shepherds	12:00 PM @St. Peter
Tue	Sewing Quilts	9:00 AM
Wed	A.A.	8:00 PM
Sun 5/3	Catechism	12-1:15 PM
	Congregational Growth Mtg.	11:00 AM

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Sunday, May 10 at 10:15, in the fellowship hall, a special meeting is being called to discuss the roof/boiler loan payoff.

FLOWER BED ADOPTION: The sign up sheet for the flower bed adoption is on the table in the Narthex.

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!

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.

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 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 on the bulletin board for May 14 for worship and dinner at Solomon Lutheran Church, Woodville.

BLUE BARREL: April collection is Donor's Choice to Lutheran Social Services. Check out their "Wish List" on the bulletin board for ideas or suggestions. May's collection will be toiletries for St. Paul's Episcopal Food Pantry.

GRACE ALONE MINISTRIES: A grant was received from Thrivent to help support Neustra Gente food pantry. Linda Parra runs her ministry out of vacant First English Lutheran on Broadway, Toledo, Ohio. Their food pantry is in need of several items: Eggs, beans, tortilla shells, canned tuna. This collection will **begin May 1-10**. Any donations of these items would be helpful with their food pantry. Whichever item we receive the least of we will use the action grant to purchase more items to fill their pantry. If there are any questions or more information is needed, please contact Jim Vermilyea: 419-862-2753.

MAY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL VERSE: *Children, obey your parents in the Lord.* Ephesians 6:1

ATTENDANCE: Worship: 68 SS: 22

TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

Current:\$4468	Loose Change:\$59.43	Benevolence:\$225
Building Fund:\$196	Propane:\$20	Altar Flowers:\$ 50
Sun Sch:\$13	Roof/Boiler Loan:\$90	Building Use:\$75
Kisereny Preschool:\$90	Precious Moments Preschool:\$20	

WANTED: WORSHIP ASSISTANTS, FELLOWSHIP HOSTS AND FLOWER DONORS. As you can see there are several positions available to volunteer your time and talents 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.

MAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

May 3

Greeter: Bob & Becky Beyer

Usher:

Reader: Joe Kapp

Communion: Wes Gahler

Mary Dehring

Fellowship: Anonymous

Flowers: Claudette Allred

Lectern Flowers: Anonymous

May 10

Greeter: Pam King

Usher:

Reader: Charles Jaeger

Communion: Pam King

Mary Dehring

Fellowship: Kapp Family

Flowers: Wes & Judy Gahler

Lectern flowers: Mark & Becky
Cuthbertson

May 17 CONFIRMATION

Greeter:

Usher:

Reader:

Communion: Wes Gahler

Mary Dehring

Fellowship: Education Ministry

Flowers: Larry & Karen Schanke

Lectern Flowers: Education

Ministry

May 24 PENTECOST

Greeter: Pam King

Usher:

Reader: Mary Dehring

Communion: Pam King

Wes Gahler

Fellowship: Wendy Millinger

Flowers: Terry & Susan Lowe

May 31 HOLY TRINITY

Greeter:

Usher:

Reader: Jody Kapp

Communion: Wes Gahler

Fellowship: Brunch Potluck

Congregational Growth

Flowers: Jim & Mary Dehring

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Wednesday, April 29.

Catherine of Siena, theologian, died 1380. This theologian was the first woman among Roman Catholics to receive the title "Doctor [teacher] of the Church." Catherine was a Dominican sister known for her mystical visions as well as her work on behalf of people who were poor and imprisoned.

Friday, May 1.

Philip and James, Apostles. Philip was one of the first disciples of Jesus, and called Nathanael to "come and see." Little is known of James, the son of Alphaeus, called "the Less" to distinguish him from another apostle named James.

Saturday, May 2.

Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, died 373.

Best remembered for defending the teaching that Christ was fully God against those who taught otherwise, Athanasius was an influential church leader around the time of the Council of Nicea. He was banished from Alexandria five times for his forthright views.

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Worship 8:45 am

Sunday School 10:00 am (Sept-May)

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