



St. Peter's Lutheran Church & School

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April 12, 2026 – 8:00am & 10:30am

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 12, 2026 – 8:00am & 10:30am

PRELUDES

“O Sons and Daughters of the King”

arr. Gerhard Krapf

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

arr. Wilbur Held

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

#469

(We rise.)

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P Let us return to the Shepherd and Guardian of our souls, confessing our sin.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

P Almighty God,

C We confess before You our preference for things that pass away, our silence in the face of injustice, our reluctance to accept the freedom of forgiveness. Make us whole again; renew in us the grace of baptism; and set our minds on the things that are above. Amen

P In Christ's dying and rising, you are reborn; you are no longer dead in your sin. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I

therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

C Oh, come, let us worship Him.

VENITE

(Tune: "Christ is Our Cornerstone")

Come, let us praise the Lord, with joy our God acclaim,
His greatness tell abroad and bless His saving name.
Lift high your songs before His throne to whom alone
All praise belongs.

Our God of matchless worth, our King beyond compare,
The deepest bounds of earth, the hills, are in His care.
He all decrees, who by His hand prepared the land
And formed the seas.

In worship bow the knee, our glorious God confess;
The great Creator, He, the Lord of Righteousness.
He reigns unseen: His flock He feeds and gently leads
In pastures green.

Come, hear His voice today, receive what love imparts;
His holy will obey and harden not your hearts.
His ways are best and lead at last, all troubles past,
To perfect rest.

P The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

C Oh, come, let us worship Him.

(We are seated.)

FIRST READING

Acts 5:29-42

²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.” ³³When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, ⁴⁰and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴²And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY

Psalm 148

P Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; Praise him in the heights!

C **Praise him, all his angels;**

Praise him, all his hosts!

P Praise him, sun and moon,

Praise him, all you shining stars!

- C** Praise him, you highest heavens,
And you waters above the heavens!
- P** Let them praise the name of the LORD!
For he commanded and they were created.
- C** **And he established them forever and ever;
He gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**
- P** Praise the LORD from the earth,
You great sea creatures and all deeps,
- C** **Fire and hail, snow and mist,
Stormy wind fulfilling his word!**
- P** Mountains and all hills,
Fruit trees and all cedars!
- C** **Beasts and all livestock,
Creeping things and flying birds!**
- P** Kings of the earth and all peoples,
Princes and all rulers of the earth!
- C** **Young men and maidens together,
Old men and children!**
- P** Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted;
His majesty is above earth and heaven.
- C** **He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints,
For the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!**
- P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit
- C** **As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

EPISTLE READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed

in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

(We rise.)

HOLY GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-31

CELTIC ALLELUIA

LSB #952

(Sung once by the soloist / Then once by all.)



¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²² And 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 withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.” ²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, 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 in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.” ²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with

them. Although the doors were locked, 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; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, 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 believed.”³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

(10:30 – During the Hymn of the Day, children age 3 through first grade are invited to attend “Kids of the Kingdom” children’s church. They will return following the sermon.)

(We are seated.)

SERMON HYMN “O Sons and Daughters of the King” #470
(Stanzas 1-5)

SERMON “What’s It Going to Take?”
Text: John 20:19-31 – Pastor Adam McDowell

(We rise.)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD #470
“O Sons and Daughters of the King” *(Stanzas 6-9)*

(We are seated.)

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP and
GATHERING OF OUR OFFERINGS

VOLUNTARY
“Christ the Lord is Risen Today” arr. Richard Hillert

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Heavenly Father,

C We bring to Your table what we have, gifts from You, the One who makes all things new. With these signs we bring ourselves, that we may carry to the world the victorious life of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(We rise.)

PRAYERS

P Holy God, holy and most gracious Father,

C have mercy and hear us.

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.

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

P Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name;
C make known His deeds among the peoples!

P Sing to Him, sing praises to Him;
C tell of all His wondrous works!

P Glory in His holy name;
C let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

P Seek the Lord and his strength
C seek His presence continually!

P Remember the wondrous works that He has done,
C His miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

P He remembers His covenant forever;
C the word that He commanded, for a thousand generations.

P Hear my prayer, O Lord;
C let my cry come to You.

P Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God. Lord, in Your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, Your Son breathed on His disciples and sent them as witnesses to Your resurrection. Strengthen Your Church throughout the world, that she may proclaim repentance and the forgiveness of sins in Your name. Grant boldness to pastors, faithfulness to congregations, and unity in the truth of Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, through You all things were made, and in You all things hold together. Preserve the earth and its seasons. Give wisdom to those who tend fields and waters. Provide daily bread for all people, and teach us to receive Your gifts with gratitude. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Lord of all rule and authority, You have established earthly governments for order and peace. Guide leaders in every nation, that justice may be upheld and conflict restrained. Give wisdom to those who make and judge laws, and protect all who serve in positions of responsibility. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Almighty Father, Your Son showed His wounds to His disciples and brought peace to their fear. Be present with all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Bring healing to the sick, comfort to the grieving, strength to the weary, and hope to those who feel alone (*especially...*). Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P O God, You gather us behind closed doors and speak Your peace. Strengthen this congregation in faith toward You and in love toward one another. Form us by Your Word, sustain us through Your Sacraments, and send us as witnesses to the life we have received in You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Lord of the Church, You call workers into Your harvest. Be with Janet Bahr as she considers the call to serve as Assistant Principal. Grant her clarity, peace, and trust in Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, You have caused us to be born again to a living hope through Your resurrection from the dead. We give thanks for all who have died in the faith and now rest in You. Keep us steadfast until that day when we, with them, behold You face to face. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION and DISMISSAL

P God the Father, who raised Jesus from the dead, make you stand strong in faith.

C **Amen. Alleluia!**

P Jesus Christ ✠, triumphant over the grave, make you bold to tell the good news.

C **Amen. Alleluia!**

P The Spirit of truth abide with you and guide you into paths of service.

C **Amen. Alleluia!**

P Go in the power of the Spirit. Proclaim the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

(We are seated.)

CLOSING HYMN

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

#461

(Stanzas 3 & 5 – Women / Stanzas 4 & 6 – Men)

POSTLUDE

“O Sons and Daughters of the King”

arr. John Leavitt