



St. Peter's Lutheran Church & School

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April 26, 2026 – 10:30am

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY
THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

April 26, 2026 – 10:30am

PRELUDE

“Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

arr. J. Wayne Kerr

RINGING OF THE BELL

(We rise.)

INVOCATION

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

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

#465



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set
△ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: “Christ has tri - umphed!
fore our heart with rap - ture sings: “Christ has tri - umphed!
heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer
with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: “Christ has tri - umphed!



He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
 He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us
 through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 life And by His pres - ence stills all
 day That by our lives we tru - ly
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
 strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray together:

C Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(We are seated.)

FIRST READING

Acts 2:42-47

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM HYMN ~ *Psalm 23* **“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”** #709

(Stanzas 3 & 5 will be sung by the choir.)

EPISTLE READING

1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(We rise.)

HOLY GOSPEL READING

John 10:1-10

ALLELUIA and VERSE

C 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.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(During the sermon, 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

“Devoted”

Texts: Acts 2:42-47 & 1 Peter 2:19-25 – Pastor Nathan Widener

(We rise.)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Blessed Spring”

#595

(We are seated.)

✠ RITE OF CONFIRMATION ✠

(LSB pg. 272)

Confirmation Class of 2026

Macey Joy Ankenbruck
Jacob Lynn Augustyniak
Harper Bolinger
Isla Reid Campbell
Brady Clabaugh
Jackson Quinn Dale
Ayiden James Alan Hale
Braxton David Horacek
Mackenzie Isley
Matthew Karl Kramer
Dawson Lemberg
Landon Meyers
Cora Nuthals
Joseph Roembke
Nathan Andrew Schweder
Raegan Brianne Smethers
Jax Taylor
Colsten Traxler
Samuel Vnuk
Miles Reed Vogelsong
Braden Weible

CHORAL BLESSING

Adult Choir

“The Benediction of Aaron”...E.S. Lorenz

The Lord bless thee, the Lord keep thee;
Make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.
Amen.

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP and GATHERING OF OUR OFFERINGS

VOLUNTARY

“O Blessed Spring”

arr. Kevin Hildebrand

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.)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Trusting in the power of Christ’s resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

(A brief silence.)

P Shepherding God, draw all people to Yourself and lead them in paths of righteousness. Embolden Your church to enter the valleys of the world and guide us beside the still waters of Your grace. We pray for military and prison chaplains serving near and far. Lord in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Creator God, by the resurrection of Your Son, show us Your steadfast love and instruct our hearts in Your ways. Help us to revere and protect the wonders of Your creation. Lord in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Righteous Judge, strengthen and uphold those who work for justice and advocate for peace. Bring an end to war (*especially in Iran, Sudan, Gaza, and Ukraine*) and save us from the temptation of violence or vengeance. Lord in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Great Physician, walk with those who are grieving, and anoint those who are ill or injured (*especially...*). Restore them to health of body, mind, and spirit. Lord in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Good Shepherd, continually seek us out as lambs of Your flock, and form us into a community where all are honored and cared for. Spread a feast before us and fill our cups to overflowing. Lord in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

P Living God, we praise You for the saints who have died in faith and now dwell in Your love (*especially...*). At our end, bring us, with them, to our heavenly home. Lord in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

CONFIRMATION PRAYER

P Gracious Father, Your Son grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and all people. Bless, guide, and govern the young people of Your Church by Your Holy Spirit, that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of Your Word. Grant that they may serve You well and usefully, developing their talents not for their own sakes but to Your glory and for the welfare of their neighbor. Protect and defend them from all danger and harm, giving Your holy angels charge over them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

(We are seated.)

ANTHEM

Adult Choir

“Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart” *(LSB #708)*...arr. Donald Busarow

Lord, thee I love with all my heart;
I pray thee, never from me depart; With tender mercy cheer me.
Earth has no pleasure I would share,
Yea, heaven itself were void and bare if thou, Lord, wert not near me.
And should my heart for sorrow break, my trust in thee can nothing shake.
Thou art the portion I have sought; Thy precious blood my soul has bought.
Lord Jesus Christ, My God and Lord, forsake me not! I trust thy Word.

Yea, Lord, 'twas thy rich bounty gave
My body, soul, and all I have in this poor life of labor.

Lord, grant that I in every place
 May glorify thy lavish grace and serve and help my neighbor.
 Let no false doctrine me beguile, let Satan not my soul defile.
 Give strength and patience unto me to bear my cross and follow thee.
 Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, in death thy comfort still afford.

Lord, let at last thine angels come,
 To Abraham's bosom bear me home, that I may die unfearing;
 And in its narrow chamber keep
 My body safe in peaceful sleep until thy reappearing.
 And then from death awaken me, that these mine eyes with joy may see,
 O Son of God, thy glorious face, my Savior and my fount of grace.
 Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend, and I will praise thee without end!

(We rise.)

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” #922



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing, Nev - er a - lone.
 2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.
 3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour - ished, Clos - er to Me;
 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My
 Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, Joy - ful and free. Here My
 I the Lord will smile up - on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you Mine for - ev - er.
heard My dear Son's sto - ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo - ry.
Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here His ten - der com - fort stilled you.
Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and Broth - er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing— You are My own.
Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.
Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Joy - ful and free.
Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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POSTLUDE

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

arr. Thomas Gieschen