

I AM
the way
AND
the truth
AND
the life

JOHN 14:6

St. Peter's Lutheran Church & School

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May 3, 2026 – 8:00am & 10:30am

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3, 2026 – 8:00am & 10:30am

PRELUDES

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”
“Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won”

arr. David Schack
arr. Austin Lovelace

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

“He’s Risen, He’s Risen”

#480

(We rise for stanza 5.)

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 on God's Word and for 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.

✠ DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE ✠

CANTICLE “This Is the Feast”


Refrain




C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb ——— who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



EASTER GREETING and COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

P Let us pray together:
C O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through 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 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60

¹Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. ²And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ³Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." ⁵And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. ⁷And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. ⁸And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen.

²And Stephen said: “Brothers and fathers, hear me.

⁵¹You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵²Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.” ⁵⁴Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” ⁵⁷But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM (10:30)

“Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!”...Lynn Shaw Bailey

Junior Choir &
St. Peter's Wildcat Bells

Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Jesus rose up from the dead.
Alleluia! Jesus is risen! He is alive, just as he said!
Let all mortal voice cry out. Let the mountains and valleys shout.
Jesus Christ has come to save. Jesus has conquered the grave.

Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Jesus rose up from the dead.
Alleluia! Jesus is risen! He is alive, just as he said!
Jesus won the victory. Jesus gave us eternity.
Let all hearts and hands be raised. Jesus is worthy of praise.

Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Jesus rose up from the dead.
Alleluia! Jesus is risen! He is alive, just as he said!
Jesus is risen, just as he said!

EPISTLE READING

1 Peter 2:2-10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” ⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” ⁸and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(We rise.)

HOLY GOSPEL READING

John 14:1-14

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 fourteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’ ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. ¹²“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both
the living and the dead,
Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*(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.)

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"

#490

SERMON

“Let Not Your Hearts Be Troubled”

Text: John 14:1-14 – Pastor Adam McDowell

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP and GATHERING OF OUR OFFERINGS

VOLUNTARY

“He’s Risen, He’s Risen”

arr. Kenneth Kosche

OFFERTORY

(Psalm 116:12-14, 17-19)



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

(We rise.)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

(A brief silence.)

P Almighty Father, keep Your Church throughout the world in the true faith. Give courage to pastors, missionaries, teachers, and all who confess the name of Jesus, that Your people may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Creator of heaven and earth, teach us to receive creation as Your gift and to care for it with humility and wisdom. Bless fields, forests, rivers, animals, and all living things, that they may serve Your purposes and sustain the life You give. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Lord of the nations, guide all who serve in government and positions of authority. Give them wisdom, restraint, and a desire for peace. We pray especially for peace in Iran and in every place marked by conflict, unrest, or fear. Protect the innocent, curb violence, and lead rulers to seek what is just and good. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Lord, draw near to all who are in distress: those who grieve, those who are sick, those who are lonely, those who are afraid, and those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Comfort them with the promise of Christ, who is the way, and the truth, and the life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Gracious Father, bless this congregation with faith, love, and unity. As the apostles cared for the preaching of the Word and the needs of the saints, teach us to serve one another with willing hearts. Help us grow like newborn infants who long for the pure spiritual milk of Your Word, that we may be built together as a spiritual house in

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying, He has destroyed death, and by His rising again, He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore, with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI



C 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.

(We are seated.)

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION ANTHEM and HYMNS

(10:30) “Psalm 98”...Dorothy Christopherson

Junior Choir

Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

With your right hand and your holy arm
You have won for yourself the victory.
You, Lord, have made known your victory;
In the sight of the nations.

Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands.
Lift up your voice and sing.
Sing to the Lord with the harp, and the voice, with trumpets and horn.
Shout with joy to the Lord.

Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” *(We rise for stanza 8.)*

#633

“Christ is Arisen, Alleluia”


#466

“Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread”

#625

(We rise.)

DISMISSAL

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart  in peace.

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P In this meal, Lord God, You have strengthened us by the risen life of Your Son. Send us by Your Holy Spirit to live in peace with one another and to renew Your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION and DISMISSAL

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.

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 **“You Are the Way, Through You Alone”** **#526**

POSTLUDE

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

arr. Hugo Gehrke