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*He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.
Come, see the place where he lay.*

**St. Peter Lutheran Church
422 North Pierce Street
Delphos, OH 45833**

**Resurrection of our Lord
Sunday, April 5th, 2026
7:30 AM | 10:00 AM**

INTRODUCTION

"The last enemy to be destroyed is death," Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PRELUDE

Emily Martin, organist

Congregational responses are in **bold print**. The symbol + before a section signifies that the assembly is to be standing.

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed!**

This is the day that the Lord has made! **Let us rejoice and be glad!**

Give thanks to the Lord our God, **Whose steadfast love endures forever!**

LITANY

We are frantic, searching. We cannot find where they have laid him.

We are distracted by our busy lives. There is so much to do.

How are we to anoint his body when there is no body to anoint?

How are we to recognize the significance of this day when we do not have time to think?

Jesus calls us by name, **And we stop.**

(quietly, with wonder)

Jesus is risen.

(quietly, with wonder)

Jesus is risen.

(louder, with realization)

Jesus is risen.

(louder, with realization)

Jesus is risen.

(shouting with joy)

Jesus is risen! Alleluia!

+GATHERING SONG

#365

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

Merciful God, **give us the willingness to be honest with ourselves, with one another, and with you about the ways in which we have caused harm in this world. Give us the openness to see where our**

actions or failures to act have led to pain in those closest to us and in those far away. Do not let us sink further into self-harm through self-blame and hatred, but give us the courage to set right our wrongs, and to return to you again and again for forgiveness.

The risen God has raised you to newness of life in Jesus' name. You are in Christ a new creation, and God forgives you every wrong.

Celebrate with all of creation a world redeemed, and lavish the love you have received on all that is. **Amen.**

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Risen God, **you call us by name, and the dawning truth of your resurrection breaks through the darkness of our grieving. Slow us down to savor this moment of unexpected wonder, that we might prepare our hearts to carry the good news to the world. In your holy name we pray. Amen.**

PSALM: 118:21-29

²¹I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

²²**The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

²³This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴**This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

²⁵Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

²⁶**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

²⁷The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

28 You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

29 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**



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.

+GOSPEL: John 20:1-18

*(Readers: Narrator, Mary, **Angels**, Jesus)*

Narrator: Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them,

Mary: "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."

Narrator: Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture,

that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her,

Angels: "Woman, why are you weeping?"

Narrator: She said to them,

Mary: "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."

Narrator: When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her,

Jesus: "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?"

Narrator: Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him,

Mary: "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."

Narrator: Jesus said to her,

Jesus: "Mary!"

Narrator: She turned and said to him in Hebrew,

Mary: "Rabbouni!"

Narrator: (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her,

Jesus: "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Narrator: Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples,

Mary: "I have seen the Lord";

Narrator: and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Carol Pretorius

+HYMN OF THE DAY

#389

"Christ is Alive"

+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

(God of new life. Hear our prayer...) Amen. *So be it. So be it for me. So be it for us all.*

+PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **We rejoice at the fulfilment of your promise, O God, and in gratitude offer here our gifts and our tithes, as a sign of our love and faithfulness. Bless them, that they may be a blessing that reaches beyond our wildest imagination for the good of the world. Amen**

+GREAT THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

+DIALOGUE

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.

+PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

+LORD'S PRAYER

(Today we will be singing the Lord's Prayer.)

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 debts, as we forgive those who debtors 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 grace. Receive the gift of new life.

Thanks be to God.

(The assembly is seated.)

COMMUNION *(All who are baptized and believe that Jesus is Lord may share Holy Communion with us. Children who have not yet received instruction may come forward for a blessing. Grape juice is available as an alternative for those who cannot drink wine—just ask the server for it.)*

After receiving the bread and the cup each person may respond:

Amen.

COMMUNION SONGS *Solo by Emily*

+PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. **Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.**

+BLESSING

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign
✠ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and
always. **Amen.**

+SENDING SONG

#376

"Thine is the Glory"

+DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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Welcome to St. Peter Lutheran Church! We're glad that God has brought you here today. We believe that Jesus offers his love, peace, and forgiveness to all people – and that includes you. We pray that the Holy Spirit will touch your heart today as you worship. *The mission of St. Peter Lutheran Church is to grow our faith in Jesus as we journey together and serve others.*

Please pray for the following family and friends:

Jimmy, Roger, Mark, Stella, Joe, Julie, Linda, Henry, Tyler, Bianca, Rose, Hailey, Kristy, Ginger, Pam

The radio ministry is given to the glory of God by Ron and Sue Kloeppe and family on this Easter Sunday, for our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

The flowers and palms on the altar are given to the glory of God by the Altar Guild in celebration of our Risen Lord

Servants of the Lord for Easter Sunday 7:30 AM

Counters – Lois Ewing | Deb Trentman

Altar Guild – Donna Berger | Sue Kloeppe

Acolyte – Caleb Trentman | Charlotte Koebel

Communion – Aaron Trentman | Jacob Trentman

Usher – Alan Trentman

Servants of the Lord for Easter Sunday 10:00 AM

Counters – Dan Marlow | Lynn Miller

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Usher – Dan Kramer