

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

**Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 27, 2025 – 10:00 AM**

INTRODUCTION

Today we hear of how Cleopas and another encounter the risen Jesus while they were walking to Emmaus some seven miles away from Jerusalem.

PRELUDE

Emily Dienstberger, organist

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

+CALL TO WORSHIP

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.**

+GATHERING SONG

#384

“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God’s abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One, **you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God’s arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In + Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God’s house forever. **Amen.**

+CANTICLE OF PRAISE

"This is the Feast"

Refrain

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 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

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strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

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+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Please pray with me. **Risen Jesus, too often our hearts burn within us because our bodies know before our minds that you are here working in us and through us in this world. Open our eyes, and help us to recognize you in all people, for the sake of the one whose presence is never far, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

PSALM: Psalm 30: A Psalm of David. *Let us pray it responsively.*

¹I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

²**O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.**

³O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

⁴**Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.**

⁵For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

⁶As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

⁷**By your favor, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.**

⁸To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication:

⁹**"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit?**

Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

¹⁰**Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!"**

¹¹You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

¹²**so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.**

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

+LENTEN ACCLAMATION



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

+GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

The Holy Gospel is taken from the 24th chapter of Luke beginning with the 13th verse.

The Walk to Emmaus

¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had

said, but they did not see him.” ²⁵Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So, he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

SERMON

Pastor Carol Pretorius

+HYMN OF THE

#325

“I Want Jesus to Walk With Me”

+APOSTLES’ CREED

Let us declare what we believe in the words of The Apostles’ Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

+PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*(... God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**)*

+PEACE

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God’s faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Sisters in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God’s people in this place? *Those being welcomed respond.*

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

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WELCOME

Those being welcomed face the assembly. A representative of the congregation addresses the assembly.

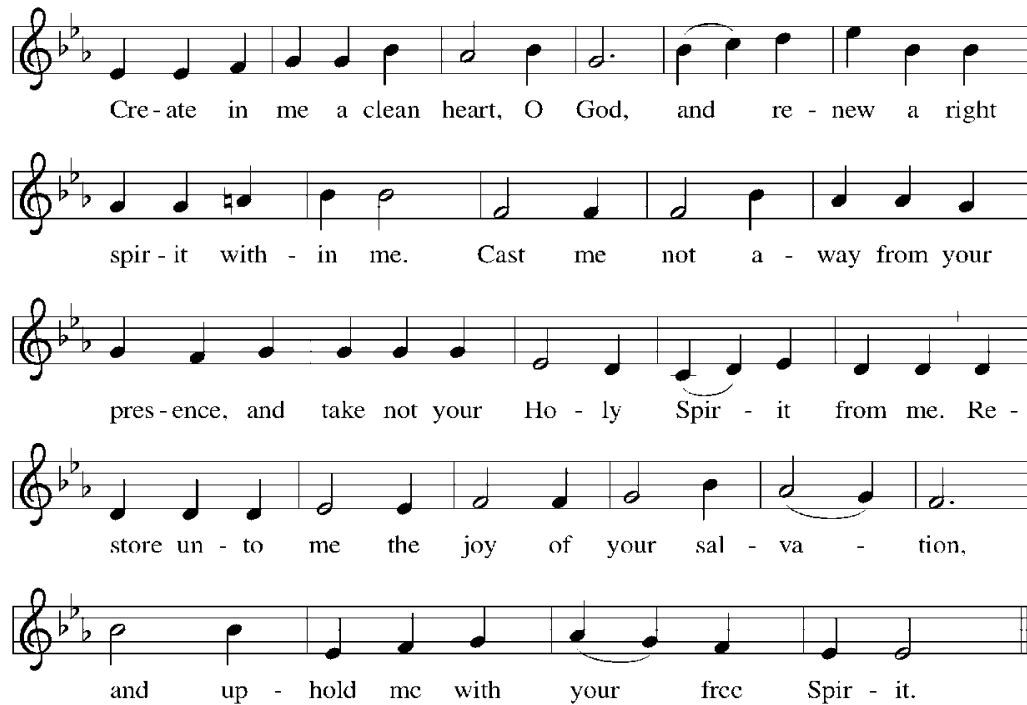
Let us welcome these sisters in Christ to this community of faith.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

ELW #188

"Create in Me"



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 un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Gracious Provider, **you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. 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.

+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. Do this for the remembrance of me.

+LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

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.** 10

SONGS DURING COMMUNION

1 -- "Lamb of 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.

2 --#496 " One Bread, One Body"

+POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

+PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Generous Host, **you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

+BLESSING

God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

+SENDING SONG

#382

"Christ is Risen! Alleluia!"

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you. **Thanks be to God.**

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.*

The radio ministry is given to the glory of God by Deb Trentman and family in memory of Bob Trentman.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Deb Trentman and family in memory of Bob Trentman.

Please pray for the following family and friends:

Sharon Calvelage, Robin Caudill, Carol Schooner, Jarred Liebreck, Chad Beagle, Donna Calvelage, Stacie Tackett, Rose Hager, John Sanders, Jimmy Behman, Norma Koenig, Maya Lee, Roger Calvert, Doug Butler

Servants of the Lord for Sunday, April 27

Counters – Alan Trentman | Sue Kloepfel

Altar Guild – Donna Berger | Sue Kloepfel

Acolyte – Kayleigh Rode

Communion – Alan Trentman

Usher – Aaron Trentman

Servants of the Lord for Sunday, May 4

Counters – Dan Marlow | Ryan Trentman

Altar Guild – Angie Miller | Sarah Miller

Acolyte – Alayna Beverly

Communion – Dave Stemen

Usher – Alan Trentman

InReach/OutReach Charity Project

APRIL Charity: Crossroads Crisis Center- Their mission is to enhance safety for survivors of Domestic Violence and their children by educating, advocating, and empowering individuals. Through their leadership and expertise they strive to engage our communities in promoting no tolerance of domestic violence. They have been serving in Allen county since 1980.

We are asking for **GIFT CARDS** that provide essential needs, food or gas. These can be from Walmart, Meijer, Dollar General, Ruler Foods, Chief or gas stations, in any dollar amount. Make sure the dollar amount is indicated on the card.

*Your gift card donation CAN be recorded on your annual giving statement here at St Peter. Put the card in an envelope with your NAME and labeled "Monthly Charity" and place it in the regular offering collection (your name is not provided to the charity or recipient). Look for envelopes at the end of the pews.

The Altar Guild will glorify the altar with red geraniums for Pentecost. They are \$4.00 each. Ordering envelopes are on the tables at the back of the church.

Upcoming Events at St. Peter Lutheran Church		
Sunday, Apr. 27	Adult Sunday School	9:00 AM
Sunday, Apr. 27	Worship Service	10:00 AM
Sunday, May 4	Worship Service	10:00 AM
Saturday, May 10	Parish Hall Reserved	All day
Sunday, May 11	Worship Service Mother's Day Graduation	10:00 AM
Monday, May 12	WELCA Meeting	6:00 PM
Sunday, May 18	Worship Service	10:00 AM
Wednesday, May 21	Wednesday Worship Service	7:00 PM
Sunday, May 25	Worship Service Confirmation	10:00 AM
Monday, May 26	Memorial Day	
Wednesday, May 28	Wednesday Worship Service	7:00 PM