

# Second Sunday of Easter

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## Welcome to St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

In the aftermath of the resurrection, Jesus impacts, equips, and authorizes the effective ministry of the apostles. Having received Jesus' word of peace, disciples believe, confess, and preach the name of the risen Christ, healing disease and casting out demons in His holy name. The entire counsels of God proceed only from the Alpha and Omega, whose suffering, death, resurrection, ascension, and judgement define the confessions and proclamation that establish truth in His holy church.

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**Liturgy: Divine Service Setting Three p. 184**

**Hymns: 478, 531, 489**

### Serving in our worship...

Preacher: Pastor Mark Peterson

Audio/Visual: Dan Bergelin, Dan Koffarnus

Altar Guild: Dean & Jan Bergelin

### Our Response to His Love

	(4/20)	(4/17 + 18)	(4/13)	(4/06)	(4/2 + 9)
Attendance:	121	24 + 55	61	52	17 + 11
Offerings:	\$5486	\$590	\$1605	\$2806	\$215

This Week at St. Peter  
April 27 – May 4, 2025

Sunday, 4/27

Sunday School/ Voters' Meeting

Tuesday, 4/29

6:30 p.m. Bible Study

Sunday, 5/04

**Third Sunday of Easter**

(Acts 9:1-22; Revelation 5:1-14; John 21:1-19)

8:30 a.m.

Divine Service

Last Day of Sunday School

## Introit

*Psalm 105:1–5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2–3*

**P** Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that  
by it you may grow up to salvation—

**C** if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

**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.

**All:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**P** Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that  
by it you may grow up to salvation—

**C** if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

**Gradual** *adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

**P** Christ has risen from the dead.

**C** [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and  
honor.

**P** He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

**C** he has put all things under his feet.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Voters Meeting** today after the service.

**Gifts from the Heart** Until Mothers' Day, we will gather items for A Place of Refuge in Milwaukee. Please watch the bulletin board for specific needs requested by the organization. APOR provides safe housing, spiritual care and education for pregnant women who are in unsafe environments.

**Potato Pancake Supper** – today from 3-6 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church (1702 Van Buren St., New Holstein). Serving All-You-Can-Eat Potato and Buttermilk Pancakes. Also serving brats, hamburgers, applesauce, dessert, milk & coffee. Cost: \$15.00 for adults; \$8.00 for children 6-12 years; free for children 5 & under. The proceeds for this year's pancake supper will benefit the Zion LYF (Lutheran Youth Fellowship).

**Elders Meeting** Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**Council Meeting** Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m.

**Women in Mission** meeting and Bible study Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m.

**Lutherans Engage Magazine** for Spring is available in the narthex. There are lots of copies. Please help yourself to as many as you would like.

**May Newsletters** are available in the narthex.

**Missionary News** – We have received David and Valerie's March edition of their newsletter, *Federwitz Footsteps*. It can be found in their folder in the narthex under the Mission board.

**Fox Cities Habitat for Humanity** will be building a house in our area. If anyone is willing to donate lunches for the volunteers, contact Lynn at (920) 967-8904.

**John 20:19 – “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.’ ”**  
Fear is the opposite of faith. That is, the kind of cringing fear we have in the face of something that is hostile to us and more powerful than we are. Jesus spends a lot of His time telling the disciples to not be afraid. Our fears constantly hem us in and prevent us from following the Lord's will. But there is no need to fear. Jesus has conquered. No fear can keep us locked up. We have been set free by Jesus for lives that declare His marvelous deeds.

## First Reading

*Acts 5:12–32*

<sup>12</sup>Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. <sup>13</sup>None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. <sup>14</sup>And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, <sup>15</sup>so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. <sup>16</sup>The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

<sup>17</sup>But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy <sup>18</sup>they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. <sup>19</sup>But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, <sup>20</sup>"Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." <sup>21</sup>And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.

Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council and all the senate of Israel and sent to the prison to have them brought. <sup>22</sup>But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, <sup>23</sup>"We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." <sup>24</sup>Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. <sup>25</sup>And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people." <sup>26</sup>Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

<sup>27</sup>And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup>saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." <sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. <sup>30</sup>The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

## Epistle

*Revelation 1:4–18*

<sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood <sup>6</sup>and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup>Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

<sup>9</sup>I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet <sup>11</sup>saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

<sup>12</sup>Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup>and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. <sup>14</sup>The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, <sup>15</sup>his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. <sup>16</sup>In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

<sup>17</sup>When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, <sup>18</sup>and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades."

## Holy Gospel

*John 20:19–31*

<sup>19</sup>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." <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>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."

<sup>26</sup>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." <sup>27</sup>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." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>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.