



Reach out to all

Embrace His Gifts

Announce His coming

Commit to Christian Living

Honor His Word

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St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sunday, April 19, 2026

Pastor Ron Moritz, Deacon Ed Smallcombe

Opening Hymn: "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"

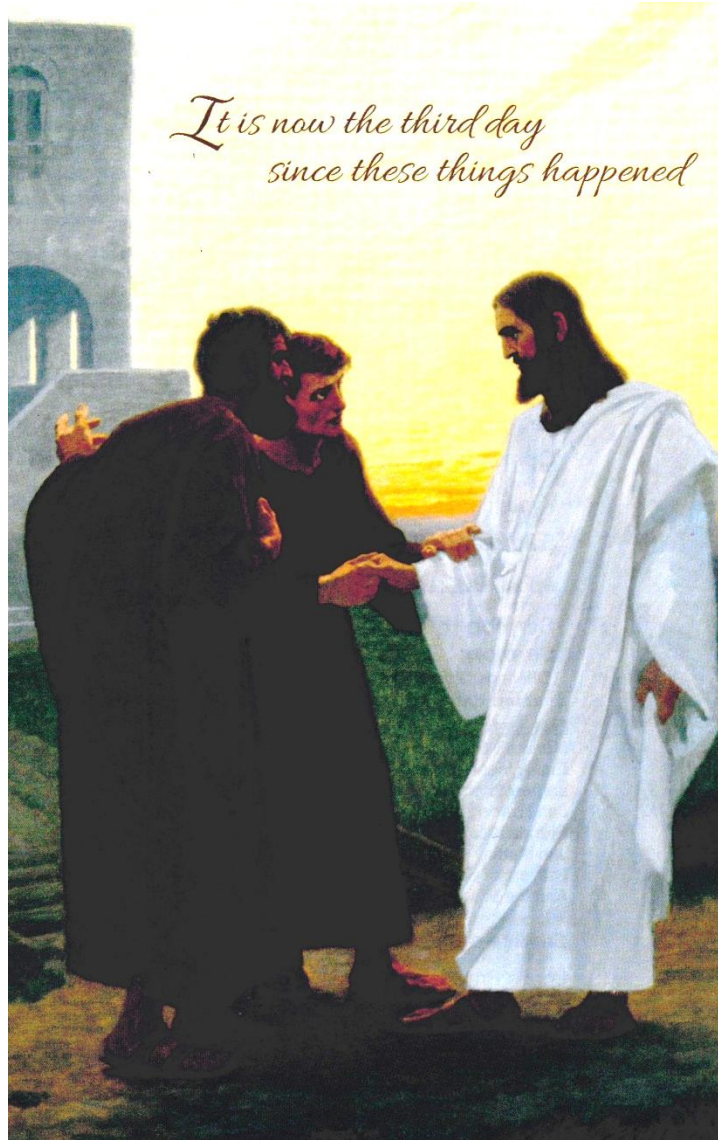
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**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

**Acts 5:14, 36-41 - <sup>14</sup> Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number.**

<sup>36</sup> “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.” <sup>37</sup> When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” <sup>38</sup> Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” <sup>40</sup> With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup> Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

**Epistle- 1 Peter 1:17-25:** <sup>17</sup> Since you call on a Father who judges each person’s work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. <sup>18</sup> For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. <sup>20</sup> He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God. <sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>23</sup> For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. <sup>24</sup> For, “All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, <sup>25</sup> but the word of the Lord endures forever.”

**Gospel: Luke 24:13-35** <sup>13</sup> Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles<sup>[a]</sup> from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. <sup>15</sup> As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; <sup>16</sup> but they were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> He asked them, “**What are you discussing together as you walk along?**” They stood still, their faces downcast. <sup>18</sup> One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” <sup>19</sup> “**What things?**” he asked.

“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. <sup>20</sup> The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; <sup>21</sup> but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. <sup>22</sup> In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning <sup>23</sup> but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.”

<sup>25</sup> He said to them, “**How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?**” <sup>27</sup> **And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.**

<sup>28</sup> As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup> They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together <sup>34</sup> and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” <sup>35</sup> Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

## Nicene Creed

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 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 on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe one holy 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.

**Sermon Hymn: "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"**

**Sermon: Guest Pastor Phil Quardokus**



Pray for our country, for our military, for our healthcare workers & first responders, for those that are sick, for those in need, for those who have lost loved ones, for our home-bound, for wisdom for our leaders, and for all of your concerns. Prayers of Strength and Comfort for the Ukrainian People and wisdom for all NATO Members. Pray for all your concerns.

## Service of the Sacrament

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

**Closing Hymn: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"**

## SERMON REVIEW FOR

### "If It Is Of God, You Can Not Defeat It" Acts 5:27-29

Introduction: Every strong tree needs a healthy T\_\_\_\_\_

Every strong Christian is grounded in the G\_\_\_\_\_

#### I. The Christ-centered Church could not be defeated.

A. The early Christians were people of C\_\_\_\_\_.

They were ready to suffer all, even death than deny Christ.

B. They were people of P\_\_\_\_\_. In all circumstances obedience to God must come first.

C. They had a clear understanding of their F\_\_\_\_\_.

They were witnesses for the Risen Christ. Against every obstacle they stood firm, and could not be defeated.

#### II. In the after-glow of Easter, what is our spiritual T\_\_\_\_\_?

A. The enemy within is A\_\_\_\_\_ God overcomes with a spirit of M\_\_\_\_\_.

B. The enemy without is I\_\_\_\_\_ God overcomes through our P\_\_\_\_\_ of His Word.



NO ADULT BIBLE CLASS today'

Sunday School meets today as well as:

Classes will meet April 19th & May 3rd, 17th & 31st.

## April: Mission of the Month - TR Food Site

Emergency Care Network is a volunteer organization that provides extra food for the hungry in our community.



The ground level door will be open on Sunday mornings for those who wish to avoid climbing the hill. Also shortly after service begins both doors will be locked for security reasons.



## meeting

Church Council meets after Church today.  
Voter's Meeting will be April 26th after church service downstairs.

LWML/Ladies Aid will meet on May 12th at 10:00 am.

There is a newsletter from our Belize Missionary on the table in the Narthex. You may read it or take one with you.

Alleluia

