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Mission Statement

To help all people know, believe and follow Jesus Christ

Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

Welcome to Peace Lutheran Church!

Whether you're a first time visitor or a long-time member, we welcome you to worship this morning! If you are visiting, we look forward to meeting you and hope you will join us again, soon. We would appreciate your signing our guestbook before you leave.

Some Helpful Information

Please Feel Free To Sit At Anytime During The Worship Service: During the worship services at Peace Lutheran there are many times when the people stand. Sometimes the standing can be quite lengthy. We do not want to place any undue burden on anyone worshipping with us. Therefore, please feel free to sit whenever you desire. Thank you and Christ's blessings.

Restrooms – A restroom is located to the right just as you leave the sanctuary and enter the entrance hall. Restrooms for men and women are also located at the top of the stairs in the Parish Hall. Go into the lounge, turn right and continue up the stairs.

Fellowship and Refreshments – Immediately following worship, coffee and other refreshments and treats are served in Luther Lounge (the lounge just off the entrance hall). Come relax with us and enjoy the company as we will certainly enjoy your company.

Holy Communion — At Peace Lutheran we celebrate Holy Communion on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Holy Communion is a very special meal for the children of God in Christ. All who have been baptized and believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and all those who hunger and thirst for Christ's forgiveness and God's strength for living, are invited to join in Holy Communion. **Grape juice** (instead of wine) is available in the individual glasses in the middle of the tray. The wine is red; the grape juice is white. Pastor blesses any of the children who are brought to the communion rail. Any adults who come to the rail and desire a blessing but not communion may cross their arms and pastor will bless them.

Please join us again next week!

The Resurrection Of Our Lord April 21, 2019

As We Gather

The darkness was great. The waiting, the watching. Not just the darkness of this past night. And not just the darkness since the sun covered its face at Friday noon. It seemed the absolute darkness of sin and death shrouded the chaotic moments of these Passover days. Crucifixion. Death. Burial. And now the waiting and wondering and doubting. Yet here, now dares the sun to peak over the invisible horizon and the first rays bring new light. Every year at Easter there was the sleepy hope of what we knew was sure to come: resurrection, light, and life. As the doors flung open, the early light seemed to blaze and the fragrance from them filled our senses with hope and joy. "The Lord is risen!" is the cry. "He is risen indeed" is the response. So now we reenact the drama again for our day, now, for our faith, for our hope and joy. It is Easter! The resurrection of our Lord! The day the Lord has made! Let us be glad and rejoice, rejoice, rejoice in it! The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed.

Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today!

Prayer Before Worship - Holy and Living God, like a tomb's darkness that gives way to light, open us this day to newness of life; open us to your love, to your acceptance, to your forgiveness, to your peace; open us to one another, and to the possibilities you have in store for us. Give us hope for the future and a passion for life here and now. We pray in the name of the One who destroyed death, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen. - By Marcia McFee, Ministry Matters Website

Pre-Service Music (A time of reflection)

Ringing Of The Bell

Welcome

Opening Psalm - Psalm 118:15-29 (Please stand)

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the

rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Listen to the glad shouts of victory in the tents of God's people: "The

LORD's mighty power has done it!

People: His power has brought us victory—his mighty power in battle!"

Pastor: I will not die; instead, I will live and proclaim what the LORD has done.

People: He has punished me severely, but he has not let me die.

Pastor: Open to me the gates of the Temple; I will go in and give thanks to

the LORD!

People: This is the gate of the LORD; only the righteous can come in.

Pastor: I praise you, LORD, because you heard me, because you have given

me victory.

People: The stone which the builders rejected as worthless turned out

to be the most important of all.

Pastor: This was done by the LORD; what a wonderful sight it is!

People: This is the day of the LORD's victory; let us be happy, let us

celebrate!

Pastor: Save us, LORD, save us! Give us success, O LORD!

People: May God bless the one who comes in the name of the LORD!

From the Temple of the LORD we bless you.

Pastor: The LORD is God; he has been good to us. With branches in your

hands, start the festival and march around the altar.

People: You are my God, and I give you thanks; I will proclaim your

greatness.

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, because he is good, and his love is eternal.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Entrance Song - Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (LBW #151, please remain standing)

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia! who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- 3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured; Alleluia! now above the sky he's king, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
- 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as his love; Alleluia! praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4

Affirmation Of Faith (Please remain standing)

Pastor: I ask you to affirm your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess

the faith of the church. ... Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and

the ways of sin that draw you from God?

People: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and

earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: 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 into hell. 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: 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.

Pastor: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to

continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: 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?

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

Pastor: Let us rejoice with one another in Christ.

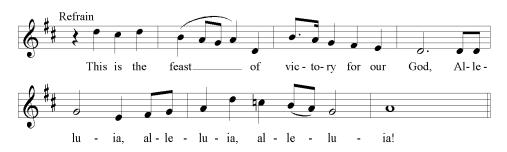
People: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give

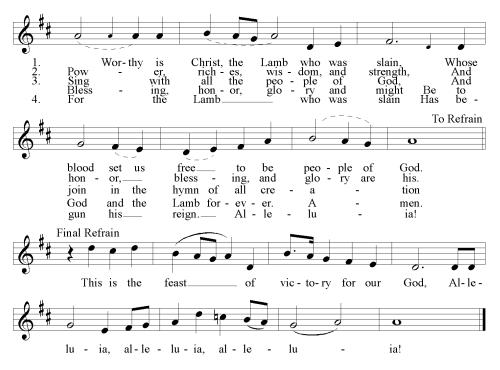
thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the

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(We share God's peace with one another)

Hymn Of Praise - This is the feast ... (Please remain standing)





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First Reading - Acts 10:34-43 (Please be seated)

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, sums up the essential message of Christianity. Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

³⁴ Peter began to speak: "I now realize that it is true that God treats everyone on the same basis. ³⁵ Those who fear him and do what is right are acceptable to him, no matter what race they belong to. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, proclaiming the Good News of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷ You know of the great event that took place throughout the land of Israel, beginning in Galilee after John preached his message of baptism. ³⁸ You know about Jesus of Nazareth and how God poured out on him the Holy Spirit and power. He went everywhere, doing good and healing all who were under the power of the Devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses of everything that he did in the land of Israel and in Jerusalem. Then they put him to death by nailing him to a

cross. ⁴⁰ But God raised him from death three days later and caused him to appear, ⁴¹ not to everyone, but only to the witnesses that God had already chosen, that is, to us who ate and drank with him after he rose from death. ⁴² And he commanded us to preach the gospel to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God has appointed judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets spoke about him, saying that all who believe in him will have their sins forgiven through the power of his name."

Gradual (adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6. Please remain seated)

Pastor: Christ has risen from the dead.

People: God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor,

Pastor: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

People: He has put all things under His feet.

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 (Please remain seated)

Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God's victorious rule over all.

¹⁹ If our hope in Christ is good for this life only and no more, then we deserve more pity than anyone else in all the world. ²⁰ But the truth is that Christ has been raised from death, as the guarantee that those who sleep in death will also be raised. ²¹ For just as death came by means of a man, in the same way the rising from death comes by means of a man. ²² For just as all people die because of their union with Adam, in the same way all will be raised to life because of their union with Christ. ²³ But each one will be raised in proper order: Christ, first of all; then, at the time of his coming, those who belong to him. ²⁴ Then the end will come; Christ will overcome all spiritual rulers, authorities, and powers, and will hand over the Kingdom to God the Father. ²⁵ For Christ must rule until God defeats all enemies and puts them under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be defeated will be death.

Verse (2 Timothy 1:10b. Please stand)

Pastor: Alleluia. Christ Jesus abolished death

People: and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Alleluia.

Gospel - Luke 10:25-37 (Please remain standing)

One would not expect the parable of "The Good Samaritan" to serve as the Gospel reading on Easter Sunday. However, at its center is a story of God's Great Reversal. Those who were thought to be dead are brought back to life through the Risen One, Jesus Christ.

²⁵ A teacher of the Law came up and tried to trap Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to receive eternal life?" ²⁶ Jesus answered him, "What do the Scriptures" say? How do you interpret them?" 27 The man answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind'; and 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself." 28 "You are right," Jesus replied; "do this and you will live." ²⁹ But the teacher of the Law wanted to justify himself. so he asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" 30 Jesus answered, "There was once a man who was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho when robbers attacked him, stripped him, and beat him up, leaving him half dead. 31 It so happened that a priest was going down that road; but when he saw the man, he walked on by on the other side. 32 In the same way a Levite also came there, went over and looked at the man, and then walked on by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan who was traveling that way came upon the man, and when he saw him, his heart was filled with pity. ³⁴ He went over to him, poured oil and wine on his wounds and bandaged them; then he put the man on his own animal and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Take care of him,' he told the innkeeper, 'and when I come back this way, I will pay you whatever else you spend on him." ³⁶ And Jesus concluded, "In your opinion, which one of these three acted like a neighbor toward the man attacked by the robbers?" ³⁷ The teacher of the Law answered, "The one who was kind to him." Jesus replied, "You go, then, and do the same."

Theme Song - In Christ There Is No East or West (Tune: LBW #464. Please be seated)

- 1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north, but one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.
- 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere their high communion find; his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.
- 3 Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be. All children of the living God are surely kin to me.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north; all Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852-1941, alt.

Children's Message

Message

The Great Reversal Luke 10:25-37

Song Of Response - Now the Green Blade Rises (LBW #148, please remain seated)

1 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; love lives again, that with the dead has been; love is come again like wheat arising green.

- 2 In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain, thinking that he would never wake again; laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen; love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, he that for three days in the grave had lain; raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen; love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, your touch can call us back to life again, fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been; love is come again like wheat arising green.

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Prayers Of Intercession (Please stand)

Pastor: Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the

church, the world, and all of creation. - A brief silence. - Alleluia! God, you are resurrection. Bring joy to your church as we spread the good news that Jesus is risen. Lead us to proclaim this message with

persistence and confidence. Hear us, O God.

Pastor: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: Alleluia! God, you are creator. Open our eyes to the first fruits of new

life around us: to budding trees, nourishing rains, warm breezes, and freshly tilled soil. Inspire our gratitude and renew our commitment to

stewardship of the earth. Hear us, O God.

Pastor: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: Alleluia! God, you are reconciliation. You show no partiality among

the nations, but instead call all people to the way of peace. Bring an end to conflict and division. Renew leaders and advocates for peace

with a commitment to the common good. Hear us, O God.

Pastor: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: Alleluia! God, you are strength. Awaken hope and perseverance in

all who need to hear a word of life this day: those who are hungry,

anxious, oppressed, despairing, or sick. Hear us, O God.

Pastor: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: Alleluia! God, you are life. We give you thanks for all the baptized,

who by water and your word are forever joined to Christ's death and resurrection. Embolden all who share this baptized life and renew us

in faith and in action. Hear us, O God.

Pastor: Your mercy is great.

Additional prayers:

Pastor: Hear us, O God. **Pastor:** Your mercy is great.

Pastor: Alleluia! God, you are comfort. Draw near to all who grieve. Refresh

us with the promise that you will destroy death and that with all the

saints, we will be made alive forever in Christ. Hear us, O God.

Pastor: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near

to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen

Lord.

People: Amen.

Sharing The Gifts Of God (Please remain seated as the offerings are received)

Communion Song - The Day of Resurrection! (Tune: LBW #251. Please remain seated)

1 The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad,
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over
with hymns of victory.

- 2 Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light, and list'ning to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain, his own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the victor strain.
- 3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful, let earth its song begin, let all the world keep triumph and all that is therein.
 Let all things, seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend; for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end!
- 4 Then praise we God the Father, and praise we Christ his Son, with them the Holy Spirit, eternal Three in One; till all the ransomed number fall down before the throne, and honor, pow'r, and glory ascribe to God alone!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696-c. 754; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt

▼ The Sacrament ▼

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People:** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor:

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 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:

Song - Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

(Stanza 1, 4, LBW #143, please remain standing)

- 1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds in praise of love that still abounds: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory here: "Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav'nly blessed sing: "Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
 Be to the Father, and our Lord, to Spirit blest, most holy God, all the glory, never ending! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947, alt. © 1958 Service Book and Hymnal, admin. Augsburg Fortress

Pastor:

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been given over to death. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him. Grant us to keep the feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and

drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took

bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." . . . In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He

comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body

and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your

kingdom and teach us to pray:

People: 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

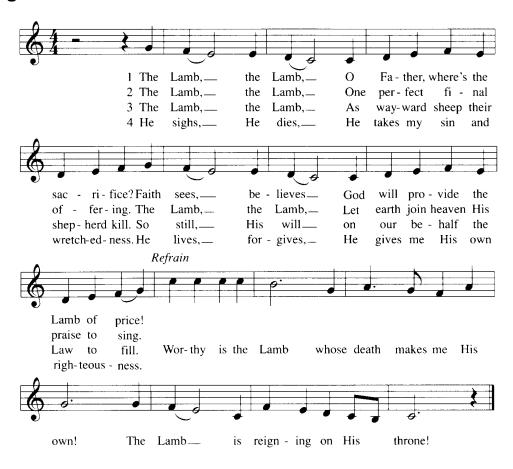
and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Pastor: Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, gives everyone a place at the

welcome table. Alleluia! Come to the feast.

People: Amen. Come, risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.

Song - The Lamb (AGPS #229, please be seated)



5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows. His song prolong 'Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. *Refrain*

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Distribution (Please remain seated)

Approach the altar at the usher's direction. Communion is received kneeling—the bread in your outstretched open hands, the wine in a small cup. Place empty cups in the tray to the side. If you wish only a blessing, just fold your hands together over your heart.

Prayer before Communion (Prayed privately before going to the altar)

Merciful God, we do not presume to come to your table trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat and drink the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live in him and he in us, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer After Communion (Prayed privately after returning to your seated)

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing (Please stand)

Response To The Sacrament - O Jesus, Blessed

(Tune: LBW #245, please remain standing)

- O Jesus, blessed Lord, to you my heartfelt thanks and praise are due; you have so lovingly bestowed on me your body and your blood.
- 2 Break forth, my soul, in joy and say: What wealth has come to me today! My Savior dwells within my soul and makes my wounded spirit whole!

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634-1703; tr. Arthur J. Mason, 1851-1928, alt.

Post-Communion Prayer (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Let us pray. . . . Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness

and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded

world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord.

People: Amen.

Blessing (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold to what is good;

return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And may God, the Father,

the Son and the Holy Spirit Bless each of you.

People: Amen

Dismissal (Please remain standing)

Lay Minister: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Lay Minister: Go in peace! Live in love as Christ has loved us!

People: Thanks be to God!

Closing Song - I Know That My Redeemer Lives! (LBW #352. Please remain standing)

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives! He lives, he lives, who once was dead; he lives, my ever-living head!
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave; he lives eternally to save; he lives exalted, throned above; he lives to rule his church in love.
- 3 He lives to grant me rich supply; he lives to guide me with his eye; he lives to comfort me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's complaint.

- 4 He lives to silence all my fears; he lives to wipe away my tears; he lives to calm my troubled heart; he lives all blessings to impart.
- 5 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to plead for me above; he lives my hungry soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; he lives and loves me to the end; he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing; he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; he lives, and I shall conquer death; he lives my mansion to prepare; he lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior, still the same; what joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.

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Announcements

Recessional

Serving The Lord With Gladness

Pastor: Rev. Ricky Adams

Organist: Janet Reese
Altar Guild: Janice Hellman
Lay Minister: Gary Glover
Counter: Vicki Mcgowan
Lay Reader: Nancy Adams

Activities This Week:

Sunday – April 21	9:30 am	Service of the Word And Sacrament
Tuesday – April 23	9:30-12: 30 pm	Stage Door (PH)
Wednesday – April 24	3:30 – 6:15 pm 6:00 pm	Patricia Miner (S) Stage Door (PH)
Saturday – April 27	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH)
Sunday – April 28	9:30 am	Service of the Word And Sacrament

Information About Peace Lutheran Church - If you desire to know more about Peace Lutheran Church such as teachings; affiliations, membership or other questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Adams.

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Flowers – Flowers today are given to the glory of God

Birthdays – Christ's blessings to those celebrating birthdays this week:

Monday - Jim Sides
Friday - Marilyn Au
Donald Rosevear
Heidi Rosevear
Adrian Stein
Saturday - Katherine Hole
Sunday - Olivia Hole

Today's Activities

Easter Worship – 9:30 a.m., April 21
Easter Egg Hunt – after worship, April 21
Easter Brunch – after Easter Egg Hunt, April 21

Flowers – If you would like to donate flowers for worship in memory of a person or observing a personal event, please contact pastor via email at pastor@plcmarin.org

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Weekly Devotional Helps April 21, 2019 – April 27, 2019

Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Evening Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Prayer For The Sick

By your power, great God, our Lord Jesus healed the sick and gave new hope to the hopeless. Though we cannot command or possess your power, we pray for those who want to be healed. Mend their wounds, soothe fevered brows, and make broken people whole again. Help us to welcome every healing as a sign that, though death is against us, you are for us, and have promised renewed and risen life in Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings Through The Week

Monday - April 22

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Joshua 10:16-27 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Wednesday - April 24

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 2 Samuel 6:1-15 Luke 24:1-12

Tuesday - April 23

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Judges 4:17-23; 5:24-31a Revelation12:1-12

Thursday - April 25

Psalm 150 1 Samuel 17:1-23 Acts 5:12-16 Friday – April 26
Psalm 150
1 Samuel 17:16-32
Acts 5:17-26

Saturday – April 27 Psalm 150 1 Samuel 17:32-51 Luke 24:36-40

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday

Second Sunday Of Easter

Acts 5:27-32 Psalm 118:14-29 Revelation 1:4-8 John 20:19-31

Commemorations

April 21 - Anselm, Bishop of Canterbury, died 1109: This eleventh-century monk was one of the greatest theologians of the Middle Ages. He is remembered for emphasizing the maternal aspects of God, and for the theory that the Son of God became human in order to make the necessary payment for our sin.

April 22 - Day of the Creation (Día de la Creación) (LLC): This observance invites us to notice and give God thanks for the wonders of the created universe. As stewards of that creation, we are also challenged to be careful in our use of it.

April 23 - Toyohiko Kagawa, renewer of society, died 1960: Born in Kobe, Japan, Kagawa was orphaned as a young child. Later, when he became Christian, he was disowned by the rest of his family. Wishing to bring Christian principles into society, he worked among poor people, established schools and hospitals, and worked for peace.

April 25 - Mark, Evangelist: He was not numbered among the twelve apostles, yet Mark was probably a member of the early church community. The gospel that bears his name is the shortest and most direct, and many scholars think it was the first to be written.