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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.**

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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!

Good Shepherd Sunday

Fourth Sunday Of Easter

April 22, 2018

Introduction

This Sunday in the Church Year is often called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” The appointed Psalm for the day is Psalm 23, which is among the most well-known psalms. The Gospel from John 10 records Jesus revealing Himself as the Good Shepherd. While fewer and fewer people are familiar with what it is like to take care of sheep, this metaphor of God’s protection and provision has become a great source of comfort and hope. God grant that you find such blessed comfort as you dwell securely here in the house of the Lord. Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today!

Prayer Before Worship - Loving Shepherd, you know our names; you care for us. When we face darkness and death, walk beside us. When we hunger for your love, fill us with your presence. When we are fearful, feed us at your table. May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy all the days of our lives. Amen.
- By Mary Petrina Boyd, Ministry Matters website

Pre-Service Music (A time for reflection)

Ringing Of The Bells

Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism)

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Pastor: Just as God's work of creation never ends, so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day. Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism.

People: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.

Pastor: We give you thanks for your salvation through water: for delivering Noah and his family through the floodwaters, for leading your people Israel through the sea into freedom, for preserving your prophet Elijah through the time of drought, for guiding your people across the Jordan into a new land, for quenching the Samaritan woman's thirst with living water.

People: We give you thanks for your salvation through water.

Pastor: We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized, and for all who gather here; for our brothers and sisters in Christ whom we have never seen but to whom we are bound.

People: We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.

Pastor: We give you thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit: for our entry into Jesus' death through these waters, for our new birth into a life of freedom and service, for our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.

People: We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

(We greet one another with the peace of the Lord)

Entrance Hymn - Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us (ELW #789, please remain standing)



- 1 Sav - ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
- 2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
- 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
- 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.
keep your flock, from sin de-fend us, seek us when we go a-stray.
you have mer-cy to re-lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
bless-ed Lord and on-ly Sav-ior, with your love our spir-its fill.



Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear us chil-dren when we pray.
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, ear-ly let us turn to you.
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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Psalm – Psalm 23 (Please remain standing)

Pastor: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

People: **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

Pastor: You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

People: **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

Pastor: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

People: **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Response - Spirit Song (WP #130, please remain standing)

D GM⁷ Bm/F# Em⁷ A A/G F#m⁷
 Oh, let the Son of God en - fold you with his Spir - it and his
 Bm⁷ Em⁷ A⁷ DM⁷
 love, let him fill your heart and sat - is - fy your soul.
 Em⁷ F#m⁷ GM⁷ Bm/F# Em⁷ A A/G F#m⁷
 Oh, let him have the things that hold you, and his Spir - it like a
 Bm⁷ Em⁷ Em⁷/A G/A A D C/E D/F#
 dove will de - scend up - on your life and make you whole.

Refrain

GM⁷ A/G F#m⁷ Bm⁷ Em⁷
 Je - sus, O Je - sus, come and
 A DM⁷ C/E D/F# GM⁷ A A/G
 fill your lambs. Je - sus, O
 F#m⁷ Bm⁷ Em⁷ Asus⁷ A⁷ D
 Je - sus, come and fill your lambs.

2. O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy,
 Lift your heads in sweet surrender to his name.
 O give him all your tears and sadness, give him all your years of pain
 And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. *Refrain*

First Reading - Acts 4:5-12 (Please be seated)

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he is able to proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' ¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Second Reading - 1 John 3:16-24 (Please remain seated)

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? ¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Verse (Romans 6:9; John 10:14, Please remain seated)

Pastor: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.

People: **Alleluia. I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me. Alleluia.**

Gospel - John 10:11-18 (Please remain seated)

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

[Jesus said:] ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

Hymn Of The Day - Have No Fear, Little Flock (LBW #476, please remain seated)

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| 1. Have no fear, little flock;
have no fear, little flock,
for the Father has chosen
to give you the kingdom;
have no fear, little flock! | 2. Have good cheer, little flock;
have good cheer, little flock,
for the Father will keep you
in his love forever;
have good cheer, little flock! |
| 3. Praise the Lord high above;
praise the Lord high above,
for he stoops down to heal you,
uplift and restore you;
praise the Lord high above! | 4. Thankful hearts raise to God;
thankful hearts raise to God,
for he stays close beside you,
in all things works with you;
thankful hearts raise to God! |

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jilson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4; Text © 1973 Concordia Publishing House.

Message

Blue Pills, Red Pills and A Matrix
1 John 3:16-24

Confession Of Faith - Apostles Creed (Please stand and confess together)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. 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

Prayer Of The Church (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. ... Lord, You are our Shepherd and You provide us with all we need to support this body and life. We lack for nothing. Help us to appreciate all the good gifts You have given us of clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, when we are lost and weary, You restore our souls. Make us to lie down in the green pastures of Your Word and Sacraments, basking in the abundance we find in those good gifts. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, in this fallen world we often walk through the valley of the shadow of death. War, terror, disease, and chaos threaten to steal our peace of mind. Remind us daily that we need not fear any evil since You are with us, since Your rod and staff comfort us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, send healing to all who are sick, injured, and recovering. Restore their health with the overflowing abundance that comes only from Your hand. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, death remains a curse until You come again, and many grieve and mourn the death of loved ones. Comfort them with the knowledge that those who trust in You will dwell in Your house forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, Your goodness and mercy follow us all our days. We thank You for the blessings You have poured out upon us. We rejoice with those who rejoice. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Additional prayers

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

People: Amen.

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

Communion Hymn - God Loved the World (Tune: LBW 352, please remain seated)

1. God loved the world so that he gave his only Son, the lost to save, that all who would in him believe should everlasting life receive.
2. Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, who was made flesh and suffered death; all who confide in Christ alone are built on this chief cornerstone.

3. If you are sick, if death is near,
this truth your troubled heart can cheer;
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
that is the firmest ground of faith.

4. Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
forgives all sins which you have done,
and justified by Jesus' blood,
your baptism grants the highest good.

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846-1923, alt.

✠ 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 our thanks and praise.**

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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 Good Shepherd, who laid down His life for us. By His dying and rising, He has become the door to everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and 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:

Sanctus (Tune: ELW #365, please remain standing)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Alleluia!
God of power, might, and sword, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven both abound, Alleluia!
With Your glory and renown. Alleluia!

So we shout hosannas high. Alleluia!
Blest is He who now draws nigh. Alleluia!
For He comes in God's own name, Alleluia!
To undo our guilt and shame. Alleluia!

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Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 \times 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 \times 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: Now let us feast this Easter day on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!

Agnus Dei (Tune: ELW #367. Please remain standing)

Christ, Lamb of God, You take away
The sins of all this Easter Day.
Lord, have mercy! Alleluia!
Grant peace to all who hear Your Word
That they may praise You, risen Lord.
Lord, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Distribution (Please be 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 carried by the acolyte or lay minister. 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)

Post-Communion Thanksgiving (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith, that we may always follow You and never stray from Your one flock; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Benediction (Please remain standing)

Pastor: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Dismissal (Please remain standing)

Lay Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Lay Minister: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn - By Grace We Have Been Saved (WP# 25, please remain standing)



1 By grace we have been saved through faith and
 2 For all have sinned and fall - en short. God's
 3 God gave to earth a per - fect love through
 4 We know the wage of sin is death; thank
 5 Set free, we now have peace with God. Sal -



not by keep - ing law. God's saints be - lieved by
 plan, not one o - beyed. Christ has for all ful -
 Je - sus on the cross. While we were foes, Christ
 God, we shall re - vive. For just as Je - sus
 va - tion is se - cured. How beau - ti - ful the



what they heard and not by what they saw.
 filled the law. Be - lieve, con - fess, be saved.
 died for us. We gained by God's own loss.
 rose a - gain, we too are made a - live.
 feet of those who share this gos - pel word.

Refrain



Oh, how I love Je - sus! Oh, how I love Je - sus!



Oh, how I love Je - sus, be - cause he first loved me!

Text: Rusty Edwards. stanzas; Frederick Whitfield, refrain. Music: OH. HOW I LOVE JESUS. North American traditional.
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Announcements

Recessional

Serving The Lord With Gladness

Pastor:	Ricky Adams
Organist:	Janet Reese
Altar Guild:	Vicki McGowan
Coffee Hour:	Don & Beverly Erbel
Counter:	Vicki McGowan
Lay Minister:	Gary Glover
Usher:	Peter Pardini
Lay Reader:	Janet Reese

Activities This Week:

Sunday – April 22	9:30am	Service of the Word And Sacrament
Tuesday – April 24	9:30-12:30pm 4:30-5:30	Stage Door (PH) Gina Lee Music (LL)
Wednesday – April 25	2:45 pm 6pm	Patricia Miner(S) Stage Door (PH)
Thursday – April 26	7 am – 5 pm	Blink Conference (PH)
Friday – April 27	7 am – 5 pm	Blink Conference (PH)
Saturday – April 28	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm 1 pm – 7 pm	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH) Birthday Party (PH)
Sunday – April 29	9:30am	Service of the Word

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 – Blessings to those celebrating birthdays:

April 12 - Jean Gustafson

April 17 - Sally Erickson

Today - Jim Sides

Thursday - Marilyn Au

Donald Rosevear

Heidi Rosevear

Adrian Stein

Friday - Katherine Hole

Saturday - Olivia Hole

Refreshments - will be served in Luther Lounge and surrounding areas following worship today. Guests and members stay and meet one another again or for the first time.

Sunday Servers – We need people to help as servers during May. Please sign up to help! The sheet is in the church entrance.

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

Sunday Bulletins - for Peace Lutheran church are available online for use during the worship service. The link is <http://bulletin.plcmarin.org>

Weekly Devotional Helps

April 22 – April 28, 2018

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 23

Psalm 95
1 Samuel 16:1-13
1 Peter 5:1-5

Tuesday – April 24

Psalm 95
1 Chronicles 11:1-9
Revelation 7:13-17

Wednesday – April 25

Psalm 95
Micah 7:8-20
Mark 14:26-31

Thursday – April 26

Psalm 22:25-31
Amos 8:1-7
Acts 8:1b-8

Friday – April 27

Psalm 22:25-31

Amos 8:11-13

Acts 8:9-25

Saturday – April 28

Psalm 22:25-31

Amos 9:7-15

Mark 4:30-32

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday**Fifth Sunday Of Easter****Acts 8:26-40****Psalm 22:25-31****1 John 4:7-21****John 15:1-8****Commemorations**

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.

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