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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 Any Time 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!

Second Sunday Of Easter April 28, 2019

As We Gather

Jesus said to Thomas, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Though we don't have the privilege of seeing Jesus in person as Thomas, the disciples, and many others did, we do have the privilege of seeing Jesus in the Word. We have the privilege of being touched by Jesus in Holy Baptism. And we have the privilege of being in communion with Jesus in the Lord's Supper. Jesus still comes through the "locked doors" we may have and brings a blessed peace to us as He did in the flesh long ago! Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church!

Prayer Before Worship - O God, amid doubts and fears, Your gift of faith gives us the confidence that You are continually by our side because Jesus lives forevermore. As we wait until that day of unending glory with Him, teach us to live the lives you've given as a reflection of Your love, that we serve You and others in truth and give honor to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Pre-Service Music (A time for reflection)

Ringing Of The Bell

Welcome

Opening Sentences (Psalm 150. Please stand)

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: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: Praise God in his Temple! Praise his strength in heaven!

People: Praise him for the mighty things he has done. Praise his

supreme greatness.

Pastor: Praise him with trumpets. Praise him with harps and lyres.

People: Praise him with drums and dancing. Praise him with harps and

flutes.

Pastor: Praise him with cymbals. Praise him with loud cymbals.

People: Praise the Lord, all living creatures! Praise the Lord!

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Gathering Song - Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!

(LBW #128. Please remain standing)

- 1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia! Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia! offer praise with love replete, Alleluia! at the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!
- 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia! sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia! Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia! now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!
- 3 Christ, the victim undefiled, Alleluia! God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia! when contending death and life, Alleluia! met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!
- 4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia! all your grateful homage pay; Alleluia! Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia! now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807-1882, alt.

Thanksgiving For Baptism (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's

mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

People: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit

moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world,

calling forth life in which you took delight.

Pastor: Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

People: Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into

freedom.

Pastor: At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the

Holy Spirit.

People: By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,

making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

Pastor: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we

praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

People: Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your

forgiveness, grace, and love.

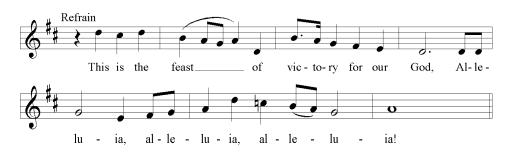
Pastor: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in

the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(We share the Peace of the Lord)

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





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First Reading - Acts 5:27-32 (Please be seated)

Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.

²⁷ They brought the apostles in, made them stand before the Council, and the High Priest questioned them. ²⁸ "We gave you strict orders not to teach in the name of this man," he said; "but see what you have done! You have spread your teaching all over Jerusalem, and you want to make us responsible for his death!" ²⁹ Peter and the other apostles answered, "We must obey God, not men. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from death, after you had killed him by nailing him to a cross. ³¹ God raised him to his right side as Leader and Savior, to give the people of Israel the opportunity to repent and have their sins forgiven. ³² We are witnesses to these things—we and the Holy Spirit, who is God's gift to those who obey him."

Second Reading - Revelation 1:4-8 (Please remain seated)

The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ, experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.

⁴ From John to the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace be yours from God, who is, who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits in front of his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first to be raised from death and who is also the ruler of the kings of the world. He loves us, and by his sacrificial death he has freed us from our sins ⁶ and made us a kingdom of priests to serve his God and Father. To Jesus Christ be the glory and power forever and ever! Amen. ⁷ Look, he is coming on the clouds! Everyone will see him, including those who pierced him. All peoples on earth will mourn over him. So shall it be! ⁸ "I am the first and the last," says the Lord God Almighty, who is, who was, and who is to come.

Gospel - John 20:19-31 (Please remain seated)

The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who "have not seen and yet believe."

¹⁹ It was late that Sunday evening, and the disciples were gathered together behind locked doors, because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities. Then Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said. 20 After saying this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy at seeing the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I send you." ²² Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." ²⁴ One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (called the Twin), was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" Thomas said to them, "Unless I see the scars of the nails in his hands and put my finger on those scars and my hand in his side. I will not believe." ²⁶ A week later the disciples were together again indoors, and Thomas was with them. The doors were locked, but Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands; then reach out your hand and put it in my side. Stop your doubting, and believe!" ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Do you believe because you see me? How happy are those who believe without seeing me!" 30 In his disciples' presence Jesus performed many other miracles which are not written down in this book. 31 But these have been written in order that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through your faith in him you may have life.

Song - That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright (Tune: LBW #36, please be seated)

- 1 That Easter day with joy was bright; the sun shone out with fairer light when, to their longing eyes restored, th'apostles saw their risen Lord!
- 2 O Jesus, king of gentleness, with constant love our hearts possess; to you our lips will ever raise the tribute of our grateful praise.
- 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in this our Easter festival, for you will be our strength and shield from ev'ry weapon death can wield.
- 4 All praise, O risen Lord, we give to you, once dead, but now alive! To God the Father equal praise, and God the Spirit, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

Message

Locked Doors John 20:19-31

Song Of Response - Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

(LBW #130, please remain seated)

1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n today!"
All on earth with angels say;
raise your joys and triumphs high;
sing, ye heav'ns; and earth, reply.

- Love's redeeming work is done, fought the fight, the battle won.
 Lo! The sun's eclipse is o'er.
 Lo! He sets in blood no more.
- 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell. Death in vain forbids his rise; Christ has opened paradise.
- 4 Lives again our glorious king! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Once he died our souls to save; where thy victory, O grave?
- 5 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to thee by both be giv'n. Thee we greet triumphant now; hail, the resurrection, thou!
- 6 King of glory, soul of bliss, everlasting life is this: thee to know, thy pow'r to prove, thus to sing, and thus to love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Prayer Of The Church (Please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all

people according to their needs. Lord God, heavenly Father, in this season of Easter keep before us the vision of our risen and eternal Lord, through whom we also will rise and have life forevermore. Thank You for breaking through our locked doors of fear and doubt,

and for offering us Your peace. Risen Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Ever-sustaining Lord, we believe. Help our unbelief. Quiet our doubts

and nurture the faith that holds us together that we encounter the troubles and trials of our times with confidence. Since Jesus is alive forevermore, grant us peace that our praise and joy remain in You.

Risen Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Ever-giving Lord, the greatest blessing You gave to this world was

Your own Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, who knew the struggles of the flesh and took them and all our sins to His cross to win the Easter victory over sin, eternal death, and the work of the devil. Grant Your continued peace for those who struggle in affliction and despair as they face trials of body and spirit. Strengthen them with Your Spirit

and keep them firm in their faith. Risen Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Additional prayers.

Pastor: Risen Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Increase the generosity and sincerity of forgiveness among Your

people as we have first been forgiven, that we enjoy an enriched fellowship marked not by dissension but by the righteousness and resurrection of Christ. In fellowship at this altar, prepare our hearts and minds to receive what has been given and shed for us in the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Risen Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting

in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

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

Communion Song - O God of Love, O King of Peace

(Tune: LBW #230. Please remain seated)

- O God of love, O King of peace, make wars throughout the world to cease; our greed and sinful wrath restrain. Give peace, O God, give peace again.
- 2 Remember, Lord, your works of old, the wonders that our elders told; remember not our sins' dark stain. Give peace, O God, give peace again.
- Whom shall we trust but you, O Lord? Where rest but on your faithful Word? None ever called on you in vain. Give peace, O God, give peace again.
- 4 Where saints and angels dwell above all hearts are knit in holy love; oh, bind us in that heav'nly chain. Give peace, O God, give peace again.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877

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

Order Of Holy Communion (Please remain standing)

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.

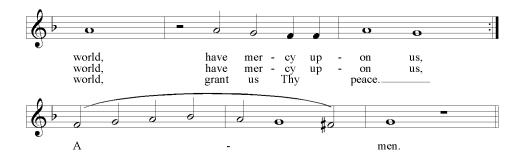
Pastor:

People:

Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, gives everyone a place at the welcome table. Alleluia! Come to the feast.

Thanks be to God

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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)

Prayer after Communion (Please remain standing)

Pastor: 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)

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Closing Hymn - Sent Forth by God's Blessing (LBW #221, please remain standing)

1 Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from his dwelling take leave.

The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended

the fruits of this service in all who believe.

The seed of his teaching, receptive souls reaching.

shall blossom in action for God and for all.

His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us

to work for God's kingdom and answer his call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living, the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing his children of each tribe and race. With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us; unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

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Announcements

Recessional

Serving The Lord With Gladness

Pastor: Rev. Ricky Adams

Organist: Janet Reese

Ushaers: Don and Beverly Erbel

Altar Guild: Mary Ann Griller and Vicki McGowan

Coffee Hour: Vicki McGowan

Counter: Vicki McGowan and Beverly Erbel

Lay Reader: Don Erbel

Activities This Week:

Sunday – April 28	9:30 am	Service of the Word And Sacrament
Tuesday – April 30	9:30-12: 30 pm	Stage Door (PH)
Wednesday – May 1	3:30 – 6:15 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Patricia Miner (S) Stage Door (PH) Dr. Buhles (N)
Friday, May 3	9:30-11:00 a.m.	German Story Time (N)
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Saturday – May 4	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm 1:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH) Adrian's BD Party (PH)

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:

Today - Olivia Hole Friday - AnaHilda Mosher **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 28, 2019 – May 4, 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 29 Psalm 122

Esther 7:1-10

Revelation 1:9-20

Wednesday - May 1

Psalm 122

Esther 9:1-5, 18-23

Luke 12:4-12

Tuesday - April 30

Psalm 122 Esther 8:1-17

Revelation 2:8-11

Thursday – May 2

Psalm 30

Isaiah 5:11-17

Revelation 3:14-22

Friday – May 3

Psalm 30 Isaiah 6:1-4 Revelation 4:1-11 Saturday - May 4

Psalm 30

Genesis 18:1-8 Luke 14:12-14

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday

Third Sunday Of Easter
Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

Commemorations

May 1 - Philip and James, Apostles: Philip was one of the first disciples of Jesus, and called Nathanael to "come and see." He later responded to an Ethiopian official's request for teaching and baptism. Little is known of James, the son of Alphaeus, called "the Less" to distinguish him from another apostle named James. - Sundays and Seasons v.20190416.1056,Copyright © 2019 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.

May 2 - Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, died 373

Best remembered for defending the teaching that Christ was fully God against those who taught otherwise, Athanasius was an influential church leader around the time of the Council of Nicea. He was banished from Alexandria five times for his forthright views. - Sundays and Seasons v.20190416.1056, Copyright © 2019 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.

May 4 - Monica, mother of Augustine, died 387

Monica was married to a pagan husband who was ill-tempered and unfaithful, but whom she helped bring into the Christian faith. She repeated the influence on her son Augustine, who went on to become one of the greatest church teachers. - Sundays and Seasons v.20190416.1056,Copyright © 2019 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.

May 4 - Friedrich Wyneken, Pastor and Missionary, died 1876: He arrived in Baltimore in 1838 and was eventually sent by the mission society of the old Pennsylvania Ministerium to labor in the "west." Later, Wyneken helped establish a practical seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana, to supply the "emergency preachers" that the frontier conditions so desperately required. In 1845, Wyneken returned to Baltimore as the pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. He was elected second president of the LCMS in 1850. He dies this day in 1876. (Wyneken was the great-great grandfather of Jerry Wyneken, former pastor of Peace Lutheran Church) - Weedon, William. Celebrating the Saints . Concordia Publishing House. Kindle Edition.