

Peace Lutheran Church

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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 an 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!

Fourth Sunday Of Easter May 12, 2019

Introduction

The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those "who have come out of the great ordeal" in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today!

Prayer Before Worship - O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 And Psalm (Psalm 23. 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: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: The LORD is my shepherd; I have everything I need.

People: He lets me rest in fields of green grass and leads me to quiet

pools of fresh water.

Pastor: He gives me new strength. He guides me in the right paths, as he

has promised.

People: Even if I go through the deepest darkness, I will not be afraid,

LORD, for you are with me. Your shepherd's rod and staff

protect me.

Pastor: You prepare a banquet for me, where all my enemies can see me;

you welcome me as an honored guest and fill my cup to the brim.

People: I know that your goodness and love will be with me all my life,

and your house will be my home as long as I live.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Entrance Song - Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us (ELW #789, please remain standing)

- Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care. In your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your fold prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.
- We are yours; in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way; keep your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.

- 3 You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be; you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.
- 4 Early let us seek your favor, early let us do your will; blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.

Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-1847

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)

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



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First Reading - Acts 9:36-43 (Please be seated)

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing were well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.

³⁶ In Joppa there was a woman named Tabitha, who was a believer. (Her name in Greek is Dorcas, meaning "a deer.") She spent all her time doing good and helping the poor. ³⁷ At that time she got sick and died. Her body was washed and laid in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Joppa was not very far from Lydda, and when the believers in Joppa heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him with the message, "Please hurry and come to us." ³⁹ So Peter got ready and went with them. When he arrived, he was taken to the room upstairs, where all the widows crowded around him, crying and showing him all the shirts and coats that Dorcas had made while she was alive. ⁴⁰ Peter put them all out of the room, and knelt down and prayed; then he turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up!" She opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ Peter reached over and helped her get up. Then he called all the believers, including the widows, and presented her alive to them. ⁴² The news about this spread all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Peter stayed on in Joppa for many days with a tanner of leather named Simon.

Second Reading - Revelation 7:9-17 (Please remain seated)

Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering, in whose blood the saints have washed their robes and made them white.

⁹ After this I looked, and there was an enormous crowd—no one could count all the people! They were from every race, tribe, nation, and language, and they stood in front of the throne and of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They called out in a loud voice: "Salvation comes from our God, who sits on the throne, and from the Lamb!" ¹¹ All the angels stood around the throne, the elders, and the four living creatures. Then they threw themselves face downward in front of the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, "Amen! Praise, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, and might belong to our God forever and ever! Amen!" ¹³ One of the elders asked me, "Who are these people dressed in white robes, and where do they come from?" ¹⁴ "I don't know, sir. You do," I answered. He said to me, "These are the people who have come safely through the terrible persecution. They have washed their robes and made them white with the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ That is why they stand before God's throne and serve

him day and night in his temple. He who sits on the throne will protect them with his presence. ¹⁶ Never again will they hunger or thirst; neither sun nor any scorching heat will burn them, ¹⁷ because the Lamb, who is in the center of the throne, will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of life-giving water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand)

Pastor: Alleluia. Jesus says I am the good shepherd.

People: I know my own and my own know me. Alleluia. (John 10:14)

Gospel - John 10:22-30 (Please remain standing)

Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

²² It was winter, and the Festival of the Dedication of the Temple was being celebrated in Jerusalem. ²³ Jesus was walking in Solomon's Porch in the Temple, ²⁴ when the people gathered around him and asked, "How long are you going to keep us in suspense? Tell us the plain truth: are you the Messiah?" ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have already told you, but you would not believe me. The deeds I do by my Father's authority speak on my behalf; ²⁶ but you will not believe, for you are not my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never die. No one can snatch them away from me. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than everything, and no one can snatch them away from the Father's care. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

Song - My Faith Looks Up to Thee (LBW #479, please be seated)

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, oh, let me from this day be wholly thine!

- 2 May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!
- 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.
- 4 When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll; blest Savior, then, in love fear and distrust remove; oh, bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887

Message

Who Can Stand Up Against It?
Revelation 7:9-17

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

Prayers of the Church (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Let us come before the Lamb and His throne and bring to Him the

prayers of all His people and everyone according to their needs. – Silent prayers - Shepherd of love, You have delivered us from our sins and from the power of death and made us Your people forever. Give to us Your Spirit that we know the fullness of Your goodness now

until we know Your joy forever in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Deliver us from all our enemies, keep us in safe amid the dangers

and terrors of this mortal life, and bring us to everlasting life through

Christ, our Good Shepherd. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give wisdom to those who lead us in this land, peace to the nations,

courage to pursue justice for all people, and protection for those who

protect and defend us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Wipe every tear from Your people, and give to the sick and those

who suffer in mind or in body healing, comfort, strength, and patience according to Your gracious will. Give peace to the dying, and comfort

the grieving in their sorrow and loss. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give to us Your Holy Spirit and faith that we recognize Your presence

in this Holy Sacrament, rejoice in its gift and treasure, and receive it

for our eternal good. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor:

Help us to use wisely and well all the resources You freely and graciously bestow upon us, and direct our hearts to return to You the worship of lips that proclaim the name of Your Son before the world and lives that reflect His goodness, love, and mercy. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Additional Prayers

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy, **People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor:

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and

power and might be to our God, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

Sharing of God's Gifts (Offerings are received. Please be seated)

Communion Hymn - Children of the Heavenly Father

(LBW #474, please remain seated)

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.
- 2 God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish. From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever; unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.
- 4 Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh; his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870-1958; Text © 1925 Board of Publication, Lutheran Church in America, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

Sacrament Of The Altar

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

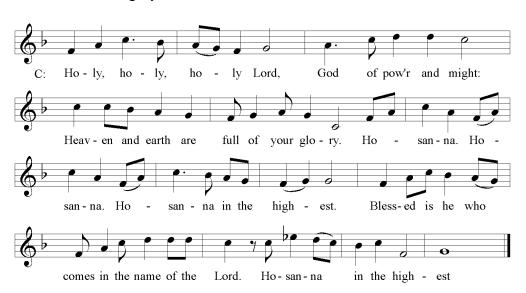
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

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 good and right, our duty and our delight to give You thanks and praise, O Lord, holy and almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in His Son has redeemed us from sin and its death and risen in glory as the firstfruits of those who sleep and by the Holy Spirit through whom we are united with Christ by faith and live in this Easter hope. As Jesus was raised from death never to die again, bring us with Him through death to the life death cannot claim, where tears no more flow, sorrow no more stills the heart, suffering is banished, and joy is perfect. Therefore with angels, archangels, the apostles and martyrs, and all who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb, we give You thanks and praise and join in their unending hymn:



Pastor:

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only 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 ask 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 $\stackrel{\blacksquare}{}$ 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 $\stackrel{\blacksquare}{}$ 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:

Recalling the holy life and life-giving death of our Lord Jesus Christ and rejoicing in the hope of our own joyful resurrection with Christ and the blest reunion with all the saints in light, we give You thanks and praise. Bring us at last with the saints of old into the light of Your presence forevermore and into the blessed and eternal marriage feast of the Lamb that knows no end, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit we adore and honor as the only God, the only Maker of all things, the only Redeemer for the lost, and the only Source of faith and love. As He has taught us we are bold to pray:

People:

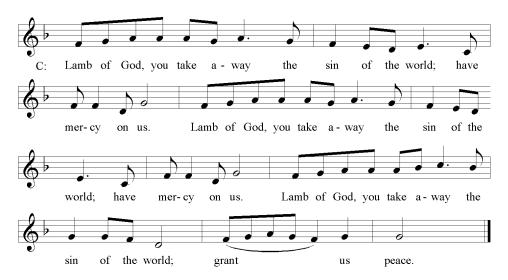
Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the 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: Thanks be to God



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)

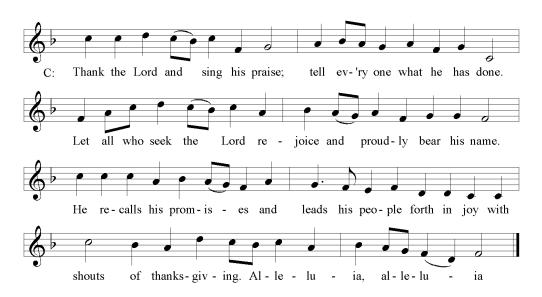
Merciful God, we do not presume to come to your table trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat and drink the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live in him and he in us, now and forever. Amen.

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 Canticle (Please remain standing)



Prayer (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.

Benediction (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 Stand)

Lay Minister: Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

People: Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn – Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (LBW #551, please remain standing)

- Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
- 2 All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.
- 3 Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
 Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1933

Announcements (Please be seated)

Serving The Lord With Gladness

Pastor: Rev. Ricky Adams

Organist: Janet Reese Lay Minister: Rick Kenney

Ushers:

Altar Guild: Mary Ann Griller and Vicki McGowan

Coffee Hour: Mary Ann Griller
Counter: Vicki McGowan
Lay Reader: Nancy Adams

Activities This Week:

Sunday – May 12	9:30 am	Service of the Word And Sacrament
Tuesday – May 14	9:30-12: 30 pm 10:30 am 5:30-6:30 6:30 – 8:30 6:30 pm	Stage Door (PH) Brown Bag (LL) Nancy Feehan (N) Nancy Feehan (LL) Women's Bible Class (PH)
Wednesday – May 15	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 17	9:30-11:00 a.m.	German Story Time (N)
Saturday – May 18	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH)
Sunday – May 19	9:30 am 10:45 am	Service of the Word Council Meeting (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:

Friday - Art Strassburger

Brown Bag – Just a reminder "Brown Bag" preparation is Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. in the lower lounge.

Women's Bible Class – Just a reminder Women's Bible Class is Tuesday at 6:30 p. m. in Peace Hall.

Council Meeting – The Council Meeting is next Sunday after worship service in Peace Hall.

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

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Weekly Devotional Helps May 12, 2019 – May 18, 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 – May 13

Psalm 100 Ezekiel 37:15-28

Revelation 15:1-4

Wednesday - May 15

Psalm 100 Jeremiah 50:17-20 John 10:31-42 Tuesday - May 14

Psalm 100 Ezekiel 45:1-9 Acts 9:32-35

Thursday – May 16

Psalm 148 Ezekiel 2:8-3:11 Revelation 10:1-11 Friday – May 17

Psalm 148 Daniel 7:13-14

Revelation 11:15

Saturday – May 18

Psalm 148 Daniel 7:27

Revelation 11:16-19

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday

Fifth Sunday Of Easter

Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35

Commemorations

May 14 - Matthias, Apostle: Matthias was the apostle added to the Twelve after Jesus' resurrection, as a replacement for the dead Judas Iscariot. He had traveled among the followers of Jesus throughout the Lord's ministry. - Copyright © 2019 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS009220.