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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!

Seventh Sunday Of Easter May 13, 2018

As We Gather

On this final Sunday of the Easter season, the apostles are gathered to select as successor to Judas one who had been with them from the beginning to become a witness of Jesus' resurrection. In the Epistle, John teaches us the Good News that God testifies concerning Jesus, the Son: "Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life" (1 John 5:12). In the Gospel, Jesus, in His High Priestly Prayer, prays that all who have received His Word may be one and that His joy may be fulfilled in us. He sanctifies us together in the truth of His Word as we live as resident aliens in this world. Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today!

Prayer Before Worship - Blessed are you, Holy One, creator of all that is and all that ever will be. You sent your holy child, Jesus, to heal us and bless us, to show us your love. After his suffering and death on the cross, he was still among us, proclaiming repentance and forgiveness of sins for all who call on his name. Just as you sent the power of the Holy Spirit to those who first believed, fill us now with your power and grace, that we may become the hands and feet, and heart and spirit, of Christ. Amen. - By Deborah Sokolove, Ministry Matters Website

Pre-Service Music (A time for reflection)

Ringing The Bell

Welcome

Call To Worship (Psalm 1. Please stand)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ♣ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,

nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

People: Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on

God's teaching day and night.

Pastor: They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due

season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall

prosper.

People: It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind

blows away.

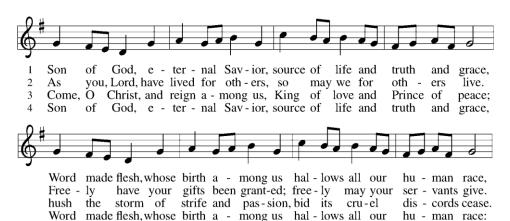
Pastor: Therefore, the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,

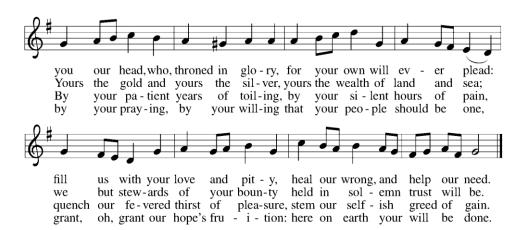
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

People: For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the

wicked shall be destroyed.

Entrance Hymn - Son of God, Eternal Savior (ELW #655, please remain standing)





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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 guenching 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.

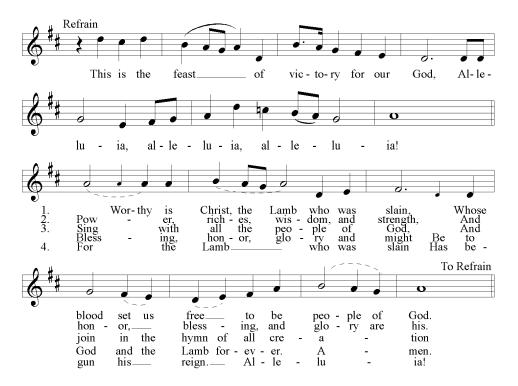
Amen.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

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





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Prayer Of The Day (Please remain standing)

Lay Minister: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Lay Minister: Let us pray. ... God who testifies Good News concerning Your Son,

Jesus, grant in a world filled with misleading voices and much that is false, that Your people hear and attend to the sound of Your voice; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns in communion and love with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and

forever.

People: Amen.

First Reading - Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 (Please be seated)

In the days between Jesus' ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle, in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas's treachery and death.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶"Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ... ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from

us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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

Lay Minister: Christ has risen from the dead. God the Father has crowned Him

with glory and honor,

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

put all things under His feet.

Second Reading - 1 John 5:9-13 (Please remain seated)

God has borne witness to the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Whoever believes in the Son of God believes in the witness of God and has the promise of eternal life.

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Verse (John 14:18. Please stand)

Pastor: Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans;

People: I will come to you. Alleluia.

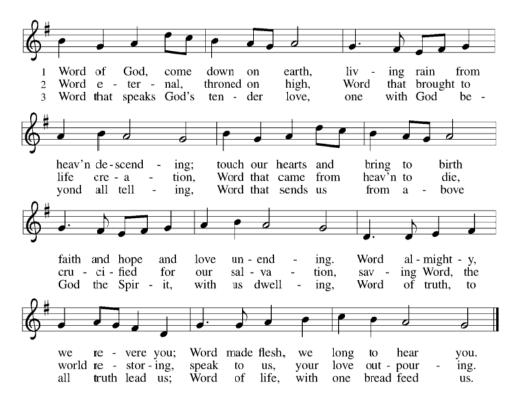
Gospel - John 17:6-19 (Please remain standing)

In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death. This gospel reports the words of Jesus' prayer, a prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.

[Jesus prayed:] 6"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. 12While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. 13But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. 16They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

Hymn Of The Day - Word Of God, Come Down To Earth

(ELW #510, please be seated)



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Message

Our True Hope In A Hopeless World 1 John 5:9-13

Confession of Faith - Nicene Creed (Spoken together. Please stand)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN

Prayer of the Church (Please remain standing)

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

people according to their needs. – Silent prayer - Blessed Lord, though Your Son ascended to You and departed from this earth, keep us, we pray, ever mindful that He will come again. During this time of waiting for His return, preserve us from all false living and, by Your Spirit, comfort us with Your ongoing care. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord God, in Holy Scripture, You reveal Your salvation. Guide our

efforts at proclaiming Your Word. Thwart the plans of all who desire to prevent Your Word from going to those in need of Your Good News. Bring to joyful fruition the Gospel seeds planted by missionaries, pastors, teachers and all Your people. Lord, in Your

mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Look with favor, O God, upon all our mothers. Guide them as they

serve You in caring for their children. Ease their anxieties as they perform daily parenting responsibilities. Bring them joy in the

privilege of nurturing their children. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord of the Church, abide with all the pastors and servants of Your

Church. Guide them as they speak Your grace filled Word and

administer Your saving Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, You earnestly desire the spiritual unity of Your Christian

Church. Keep us firm in the truth of Your Word. Make Your Church, its congregations and its members bold confessors of the true faith. Strengthen us against the temptation to be conformed to the spirit of the times. And keep us faithful in proclaiming the joy of Your salvation

to those around us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, through Your servant John, You give us a glimpse

into life everlasting. With John's testimony, comfort those who suffer, those undergoing medical treatments and those homebound. Bring to their minds the assurance that even in their current afflictions, they can continue to look forward with eager joy to the place where no lamp or sun is needed, for the Lord God will be their everlasting light.

Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Eternal God, Your Son promises that He is the resurrection and the

life, and that whoever believes in Him will live eternally. Deal graciously with those who mourn the death of loved ones. Lead them to take refuge in Your Son's promises, that they may know the

consolation of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty God, we thank You for giving the Sacrament of the Altar for

us Christians to eat and drink. Let us find favor in Your eyes to receive this meal in faith for the salvation of our bodies and souls. Lead us to remember that by the faithful use of this Sacrament, You

dwell in us and we dwell in You. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Additional prayers

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

in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

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

Offering Prayer (Please remain seated)

Lay Minister: Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were

made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of

our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world.

People: Amen.

Communion Hymn - Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

(Tune: LBW #50, please remain seated)

- Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone, chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one; holy Zion's help forever and our confidence alone.
- 3. Grant, we pray, to all your faithful all the gifts they ask to gain; what they gain from you forever with the blessed to retain; and hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.
- To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay; come, with all your lovingkindness, hear your people as they pray; and your fullest benediction shed within these walls today.
- 4. Praise and honor to the Father, praise and honor to the Son, praise and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one: one in might and one in glory while unending ages run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

Communion Liturgy (Please stand)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

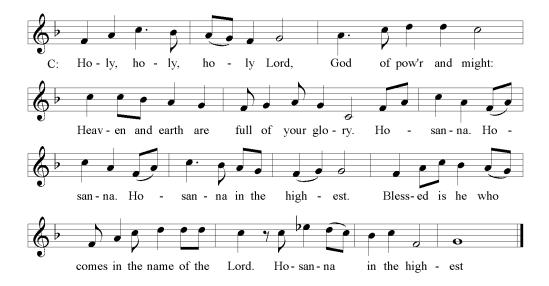
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who in this world filled with false hopes is Himself Your true Hope for all people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



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 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, who is Your true Hope for all people, 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:

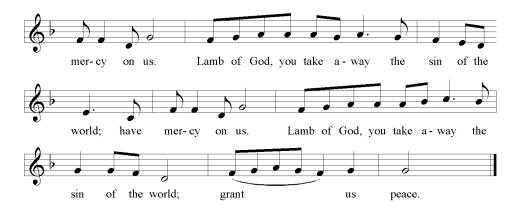
O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. 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!





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 seate)

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

Pastor: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you

send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world;

through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

People: Amen.

Benediction

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on

you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and

People: Amen.

Dismissal

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 - O Christ, Our Hope (LBW #300, please remain standing)

- O Christ, our hope, our hearts' desire, creation's mighty Lord, redeemer of the fallen world, by holy love outpoured, by holy love outpoured:
- 3. But now the bonds of death are burst, the ransom has been paid; you now ascend the Father's throne in robes of light arrayed, in robes of light arrayed.
- 5. Christ Jesus, be our present joy, our future great reward; our only glory, may it be to glory in the Lord, to glory in the Lord!

- 2. How vast your mercy to accept the burden of our sin, and bow your head in cruel death to make us clean within, to make us clean within.
- Oh, let your mighty love prevail to purge us of our pride, that we may stand before your throne by mercy purified, by mercy purified.
- 6. All praise to you, ascended Lord; all glory ever be to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost through all eternity, through all eternity!

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Serving The Lord With Gladness

Pastor: Ricky Adams
Organist: Janet Reese
Lay Minister: Cynthia Smith

Altar Guild: Mary Griller & Vicki McGowan

Coffee Hour: Don and Beverly Erbel

Counter: Cynthia Smith & Vicki McGowan

Usher: Don & Beverly Erbel Lay Reader: Art Strassburger

Activities This Week:

| Sunday – May 13 | 9:30am | Service of the Word And Sacrament |
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| Tuesday – May 15 | 9:30-12:30pm 4:30-5:30 | Stage Door (PH) Gina Lee Music (LL) |
| Wednesday – May 16 | 2:45 pm 6pm | Patricia Miner(S) Stage Door (PH) |
| | | |
| Friday – May 18 | 9:30 | German Story Time (N) |
| Friday – May 18 Saturday – May 19 | 9:30 8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm | German Story Time (N) Pilates (PH) Stage Door (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.

Office Phone – (415) 388-2065 Home Phone – (415) 388-7190 Email – pastor@plcmarin.org **Flowers** – Flowers today are given to the glory of God,

Birthdays – Blessings to those celebrating birthdays:

Thursday – Art Strassburger

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 **June**. 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

The Marine Mammal Center - International Veterinary in Residence (IVIR) Program: Dr. Vitor Luz Carvalho from Brazil will be the next IVIR at the Marin Mammal Center. This highly accomplished veterinarian will be at the Center from June through August to learn advanced skills that will enhance his research and veterinary care of marine mammals when he returns to Brazil. He will receive air fare, housing and a small stipend from The Marine Mammal Center. However, an additional \$3,000 is needed to support Vitor's living expenses during his internship. A gift of any size is greatly appreciated and is tax-deductible. You may support Dr. Vitor Luz Carvalho's internship by sending a check to The Marine Mammal Center earmarked for the IVIR Program or by making a gift online at http://www.marinemammalcenter.org/. You can also contact Bess Touma at 415.289.7331 or toumab@tmmc.org. Sincerely, Mary Ann Griller

Weekly Devotional Helps May 13 – May 19, 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 14

Psalm 113 Exodus 28:29-38 Philippians 1:3-7

Wednesday - May 16

Psalm 113 Ezra 9:5-15 John 16:16-24 Tuesday - May 15

Psalm 113 Numbers 8:5-22 Titus 1:1-9

Thursday – May 17

Psalm 33:12-22 Genesis 2:4b-7 1 Corinthians 15:42b-49 Friday – May 18
Psalm 33:12-22
Job 37:1-13
1 Corinthians 15:50-57

Saturday – May 19 Psalm 33:12-22 Exodus 15:6-11 John 7:37-39

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday

Pentecost

Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Acts 2:1-21 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

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. Formerly commemorated on February 24, Matthias's celebration is moved to May 14 in agreement with most Western calendars.

May 18 - Erik, King of Sweden, martyr, died 1160: Erik is considered the patron saint of Sweden. As king of that nation, he tried to bring peace in the region, and to spread Christianity in Scandinavia. He was also known for his attempts to make fair laws and to protect those who were poor or sick.

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