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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.

Please join us again next week!

Sixth Sunday Of Easter

May 6, 2018

Introduction

“Jesus is Lord.” The corrupt systems of this world, fueled by greed, lust, and power enforced by violence, threaten to overwhelm us. Jesus is unsurpassed because, empowered by the love of God, He alone has overcome the corrupt systems of this world through His incarnation, life, death, and resurrection. Through love, He overcame, and through His love we overcome in Him—by faith. This faith is what opens people to receive God’s love, keep His commandments, and overcome the corrupt systems of this world ourselves. Jesus is love, and in His love, we overcome—by faith. Alleluia!

Prayer Before Worship - O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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)

Ring the Bell

Welcome

Call To Worship (Psalm 98. Please stand)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

People: **O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

Pastor: You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

People: **Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

Pastor: Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

People: **With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

Pastor: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

People: **Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

Pastor: The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Entrance Hymn – Great God Your Love Has Called Us

(Tune: LBW #293, please remain standing)

1. Great God, your love has called us here
as we, by love, for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear,
though marred, dishonored, disobeyed.
We come, with all our heart and mind
your call to hear, your love to find.
your call to hear, your love to find.
2. We come with self-inflicted pains
of broken trust and chosen wrong,
half-free, half-bound by inner chains,
by social forces swept along,
by powers and systems close confined
yet seeking hope for humankind.
yet seeking hope for humankind.

3. Great God, in Christ you call our name
and then receive us as your own
not through some merit, right, or claim,
but by your gracious love alone.
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat
and find you kneeling at our feet.
and find you kneeling at our feet.
4. Then take the towel, and break the bread,
and humble us, and call us friends.
Suffer and serve till all are fed,
and show how grandly love intends
to work till all creation sings,
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
5. Great God, in Christ you set us free
your life to live, your joy to share.
Give us your Spirit's liberty
to turn from guilt and dull despair,
and offer all that faith can do
while love is making all things new.
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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 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.

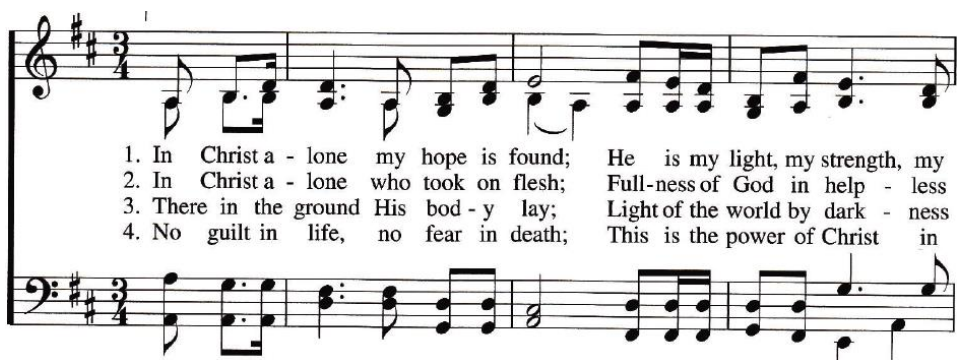
People: **We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

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

Hymn - In Christ Alone (BH #506, please be seated)



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my
2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh; Full-ness of God in help - less
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay; Light of the world by dark - ness
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death; This is the power of Christ in

song; babe. slain. me. This Corn - er - stone, This gift of love and right - eous - ness Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, From life's first cry to fi - nal breath Firm through the Scorned by the Up from the Je - sus com -

fier - est drought and storm. ones He came to save; What heights of love, 'Til on that cross as Je - sus grave He rose a - gain! And as He stands in vic - to - mands my des - ti - ny. No power of hell, no scheme of

peace died ry man When fears are stilled, The wrath of God Sin's curse has lost Can ev - er pluck when striv - ings cease; was sat - is - fied; its grip on me; me from His hand; My Com - fort - For ev - ery For I am 'Til He re -

er, my All in All; Here in the love of Christ I stand. sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live. His and He is mine, Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ! turns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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First Reading - Acts 10:44-48 (Please remain seated)

While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Second Reading - 1 John 5:1-6 (Please remain seated)

God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel - John 15:9-17 (Please remain seated)

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has

greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Hymn – Where Charity And Love Prevail (Tune: LBW #345. Please remain seated)

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| 1. Where charity and love prevail,
there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love,
by love we thus are bound. | 2. With grateful joy and holy fear,
God's charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and soul
now love God in return. |
| 3. Let us recall that in our midst
dwells Christ, God's holy Son;
as members of each body joined,
in him we are made one. | 4. Let strife among us be unknown;
let all contentions cease.
Be God's the glory that we seek;
be his our only peace. |
| 5. Let us forgive each other's faults
as we our own confess,
that we may love each other well
in Christian gentleness. | |

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Message

Our Voice In The World 1 John 5:1-6

Hymn – What A Friend We Have In Jesus (LBW #439, please remain seated)

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| 1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
oh, what needless pain we bear--
all because we do not carry
ev'rything to God in prayer! | 2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged--
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--
take it to the Lord in prayer. |
| 3. Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there. | |

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820-1886

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

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 People Of God (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Let us pray together in Christ Jesus for all people according to their needs. ... Alpha and Omega, we acknowledge that You hold us and all things in Your good hands. When we become overwhelmed, help us to trust that You are always good and You are at work to accomplish Your purposes in our lives. Grant us faith in Jesus, who has overcome the corrupt systems of this world and fullness of joy that comes from abiding in Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: God who makes all things new, as our risen Lord Jesus has overcome the corrupt systems of this world, we ask You to renew what has been broken by greed, lust, and pride. In both the public and private sectors, rejuvenate systems of government, commerce, health care, industry, and service that people may become valued more than profit or power. By Your grace and Spirit, please continue healing the brokenness of individual people at every level of our societies in this world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord who is trustworthy and true, You give us pastors to speak Your Word on Your behalf. Grant faithfulness to these people that they may serve as under the cross, ever pointing others toward the Savior. Likewise visit the sick, and all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, with Your love and tender mercies. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Additional prayers

Pastor: Beginning and the End, You hold the past, the present, and the future. We give You thanks for our loved ones and for all the saints who have fallen asleep in Jesus. Grant us faith to follow Jesus during our days of pilgrimage, and bring us at last to Your kingdom, where You dwell with the saints in unapproachable light. 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 Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer (Prayed together. Please remain standing)

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.

Collect For Peace (Please remain standing)

Pastor: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever.

People: **Amen**

Blessing (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)

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Pastor: 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 - Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

(Tune: LBW #50, please remain standing)

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| 1. Lord, dismiss us with your blessing,
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace.
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us,
trav'ling through this wilderness. | 2. Thanks we give and adoration
for your gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of your salvation
in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
to your truth may we be found. |
| 3. Savior, when your love shall call us
from our struggling pilgrim way,
let no fear of death appall us,
glad your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
reign with you in endless day. | |

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740-1817, sts. 1-2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 3, alt.

Announcements

Recessional

Serving The Lord With Gladness

Pastor:	Ricky Adams
Organist:	Janet Reese
Coffee Hour:	Nancy Adams
Counter:	Don and Beverly Erbel
Usher:	Rick Kenney
Lay Reader:	Beverly Erbel

Activities This Week:

Sunday – May 6	9:30am	Service of the Word
Tuesday – May 8	9:30-12:30pm 10:30 4:30-5:30 6:30	Stage Door (PH) Brown Bag (LL) Gina Lee Music (LL) Women’s Bible (LL)
Wednesday – May 9	2:45 pm 6pm	Patricia Miner(S) Stage Door (PH)
Saturday – May 12	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH)
Sunday – May 13	9:30am	Service of the Word And Sacrament

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

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Flowers – Flowers today are given to the glory of God in memory of Nancy Adams' parents and Ricky Adams' grandparents.

Birthdays – Blessings to those celebrating birthdays:

Tuesday – Audra Sides

Brown Bag – Brown Bag Dinner preparation for the residents of Fireside is this Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. in the Lounge

Women's Bible Class – The women's bible class is scheduled for Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. in the Lounge

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

May 6 – May 12, 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 7

Psalm 93
Deuteronomy 7:1-11
1 Timothy 6:11-12

Tuesday – May 8

Psalm 93
Deuteronomy 11:1-17
1 Timothy 6:13-16

Wednesday – May 9

Psalm 93
Deuteronomy 11:18-21
Mark 16:19-20

Thursday – May 10

Psalm 47
Acts 1:1-11
Luke 24:44-53

Friday – May 11

Psalm 1

Exodus 24:15-18

Revelation 1:9-18

Saturday – May 12

Psalm 1

Deuteronomy 34:1-7

John 16:4-11

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday**Seventh Sunday Of Easter****Acts 1:15-17, 21-26****Psalm 1****1 John 5:9-13****John 17:6-19****Commemorations**

May 8-Julian of Norwich, renewer of the church, died around 1416: When she was about thirty years old, Julian (or Juliana) reported visions that she later compiled into a book, Sixteen Revelations of Divine Love, now a classic of medieval mysticism. The visions declared that love was the meaning of religious experience, provided by Christ who is love, for the purpose of love.

May 8 - Victor the Moor, martyr, died 303: Also known as Victor Maurus, this native of the northwest African nation of Mauritania was a soldier in the Roman Praetorian Guard. Under the persecution of Maximian, Victor died for his faith at Milan.

May 9 - Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, renewer of the church, hymnwriter, died 1760: When he was 22, a group of Moravians asked permission to live on Zinzendorf's land. He agreed, and eventually worldwide Moravian missions emanated from this community. Zinzendorf participated in these missions, and is also remembered for writing hymns characteristic of his Pietistic faith.

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