



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Saturday: 5:00 p.m.; Sunday: 8:00, 9:20, & 10:30 a.m.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2024

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Divine Service, Setting Three

WELCOME TO PEACE! If you are a guest, please fill out the Visitor side of one of the attendance cards found in the pew rack. Let us know if you would like us to contact you. We are happy to have you worshipping with us today!

P = Pastor

* = Stand

C = Congregation

Opening Voluntary

*Opening Hymn

LSB 913 O Holy Spirit, Enter In



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, And in our hearts
2 Give to Your Word im - pres - sive pow'r, That in our hearts
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word,



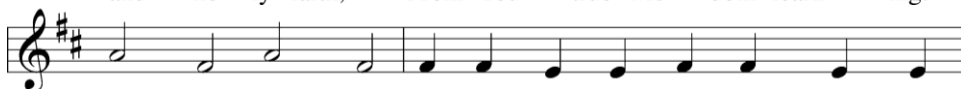
Your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.
from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,
in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing



Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, A - round and in
That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty We faith - ful wit -
That we be faith - ful un - to death And live in love



us bright - ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us
ness - es may be, Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.
and ho - ly faith, From You true wis - dom learn - ing.



That we may be Tru - ly liv - ing, To You giv - ing
Hear us, cheer us By Your teach - ing; Let our preach - ing
Your grace and peace On us show - er; By Your pow - er



Prayer un - ceas - ing And in love be still in - creas - ing.
And our la - bor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.
Christ con - fess - ing, Let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

***Invocation**

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C A _____ men

Baptisms (10:30)

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***Opening Sentences**

Psalm 66:1-4, 8-9; 40:5

P Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

C **Sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!**

P Say to God, “How awesome are Your deeds!

C **All the earth worships You and sings praises to You; they sing praises to Your name.”**

P Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of His praise be heard,

C **Who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.**

P You have multiplied, O LORD my God, Your wondrous deeds and Your thoughts toward us; none can compare with You!

C **I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.**

***Confession**

P Humble yourselves then before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

C **O almighty God, most merciful Father, I, a repentant sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. By nature, I am a sinful creature. In thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your law. For this I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life and bear fruit in keeping with true repentance.**



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy
 In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with
 And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to
 As to death a Trib - u - tar - y, First to break the
 Un - di - vid - ed God we claim Thee And, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.
 sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
 set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.
 bars of death, Thou hast o - pened heav'n to faith.
 bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.

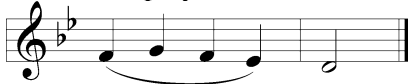
***Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.



G And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray. . .



G A - - men.

First Reading

Acts 8:26–40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip

away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 John 4:1–11

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Alleluia



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

*Holy Gospel

John 15:1–8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is

that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

*Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Children's Message (8:00 and 10:30)

Christina Stackle
Director of Christian Education

Hymn of The Day

LSB 919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, A - mong us with Your grace
2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, A - mong us with Your Word,
3 A - bide with heav'n - ly bright - ness A - mong us, pre - cious Light;
4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings A - mong us, boun - teous Lord;



That Sa - tan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.
And thus now and here - af - ter True peace and joy af - ford.
Your truth di - rect and keep us From er - ror's gloom - y night.
Let us in grace and wis - dom Grow dai - ly through Your Word.

5 Abide with Your protection Among us, Lord, our strength,
Lest world and Satan fell us And overcome at length.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior, Among us with Your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us To reach our home above.

Gathering of the Offering *Please fill out an attendance card and place in the offering plate.*

***Offertory**

C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

***Prayer of the Church**

***Lord’s Prayer**

C 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.

***Benediction**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C A - men, a - men, a - men.

*Hymn to Depart

LSB 465 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
△ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And

praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!
with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!

He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our

clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly

here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Silent Prayer

Closing Voluntary

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP:

Preacher: Pastor Jon Furgeson

Liturgist: Pastor Robert Brown

Organist: 5:00 & 8:00: Michelle Sliger; 9:20 & 10:30: Kendra Ruesler

KFUO AM 850 Announcer/Audio Engineer/Video Engineer: B. Mullen/A. Hopfer/B. Uthoff

Elders: 5:00: Rich Behnke, Ralph Wolters; 8:00: Rick Goodman, Bob Wolff;

9:20: Aaron Baese, Mark Dowell; 10:30: Jonathan Gathman, Mark Maloy

Ushers: 5:00: Steve Kienstra, Tim Behnke, Art Conrad, Charles Rolf, Roger Uhlig;

8:00: Dan Prange, Dan Dukesherer, Doug Engle, Kyle Hopfer, Dan Hummert, Mike Wilke

9:20: Jim Maschhoff, Glenn Brinkmann, Greg Hard, Malvin Mubonani, David Suedkamp;

10:30: Bryan Dressel, Lorin Dressel, Paul Huddleston, John Rastorfer, Jeff Teague, Michael Viviano

Acolytes: 8:00: Nicolette Henson, Hannah Jurchen; 10:30: Lyla McCarty, Hannah Stackle

Greeters: 8:00: Joe & Diana Doskal; 9:20: Sara Hopfer; 10:30: Kelly Pfund

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KFUO AM 850 BROADCAST is sponsored by Lorin and Carol Dressel in honor of Lorin's 93rd birthday.

THIS IS THE LAST WEEKEND THAT OUR 8:00 A.M. SERVICE IS LIVE ON KFUE Thank you to all of our Peace members who sponsored broadcasts this year!

INTERESTED IN ONLINE GIVING? Vanco, Peace's online giving provider, allows you to set up one time or recurring gifts to Peace in three simple steps. For more information, see the flyer and QR code on the Commons Counter. Questions? Call Denise Grant, (314)591-8207.

OUR NEXT VOTERS' ASSEMBLY will be held Monday, May 13, 7:00 p.m. in Sanctuary Hall. Packets will be available on the weekend of May 11/12 for review prior to the meeting. All communicant members of Peace are eligible to become voting members and are invited to attend.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – REGISTER NOW – SPOTS ARE FILLING UP! We will take a "Jungle Journey" this summer from June 24 to June 28. Join us for an epic adventure from Genesis to Revelation. **The 4th and 5th grade classes are full. We have 17 openings left for preschool through 3rd grade.** Register your children and grandchildren soon by going to the Peace website and clicking on the Jungle Journey logo on the home screen.

VBS VOLUNTEER SIGN UP SHEET IS ON THE COMMONS COUNTER Opportunities for both adults and youth are available. We would love to have your help!

VBS WORKDAYS SCHEDULED for **today, Sunday, April 28**, and next Saturday, May 4. To create a great environment for our Jungle Journey this summer, we are scheduling two workdays for our congregation members to be able to help with our décor. This is a wonderful opportunity for those who cannot help during the week of Vacation Bible School. We will be working today from 1:00-3:00 p.m. and next Saturday from 9:00-11:00 a.m. We will be cutting palm leaves, wrapping boxes, mounting posters to foam board, sponge painting tree trunks, and many other simple projects. **No special skills required!** All are welcome, but children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet in the Commons. Many hands make light work!

LASE SPECIALIZED EDUCATION JOB OPENING Qualifications include holding a Missouri teaching certificate in special education, experience in working with children with special learning needs, and strong communication and collaboration skills. For more details, see the announcement on the bulletin board in the Commons, or in the May Peace Lutheran newsletter.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: EARLY CHILDHOOD is seeking a Preschool Teacher. A job description is on the bulletin board in the Commons. Interested, contact Sue Velten, (314)892-8844.

GREEN PARK IS LOOKING FOR A PART-TIME CHILDCARE WORKER Hours would be Monday through Friday, 3:00-6:00 p.m. Qualifications include a loving and caring personality, patience, and flexibility. Interested candidates should email April Baese, Childcare Director, at april.baese@greenparklutherschool.org.

GENTLY USED BOOKS ARE NEEDED for a Book Sale this fall, hosted by Ladies Club as a fundraiser for our church. The collection box is in the Commons. Check your house for books you can donate! If you have a significant number of books and need assistance getting them to church, please contact Betty Via to arrange a pickup.

CONCERTS AT PEACE PRESENTS THE WALDORF UNIVERSITY CHOIR this Thursday, May 2, 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Under the direction of Dr. Emilie Bertram, the Waldorf Choir is the second oldest collegiate a cappella choir in the United States. Join us for this wonderful performance!

8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION MEETINGS, for parents and confirmands, will be held in Sanctuary Hall today, April 28, and next Sunday, May 5, immediately following the 10:30 service. These meetings are for the incoming 2024-2025 8th grade students and are in lieu of the summer in-home meetings, due to Pastor Furgeson's sabbatical this summer. Parents and confirmands need only attend one of the meetings. Each meeting will be approximately 30 minutes in length.

6TH GRADE CONFIRMATION MEETING will be held on Thursday, May 9, at 6:00 p.m. in Sanctuary Hall. This meeting is for the incoming 2024-2025 6th grade students and their parents.

ASCENSION SERVICE will be held Thursday, May 9, at 7:00 p.m. with Holy Communion.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 28, 2024

- Sunday, April 28:** 11:45am – 8th Grade Confirmation Meeting
1:00pm – VBS Workday
6:00pm – Pickleball Open Play
- Monday, April 29:** 8:00am – Stepping Out in Faith
6:00pm – Crossfire Volleyball
7:00pm – Bells of Peace Rehearsal
- Tuesday, April 30:** 9:00am – Quilters
9:00am – Refit Exercise Class
6:00pm – Co-Ed Volleyball
7:00pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Wednesday, May 1:** 9:30am – Banner Committee
6:30pm – High School Youth Group
7:00pm – Wednesday Evening Bible Study
- Thursday, May 2:** 7:00am – Men’s Morning Bible Study
9:00am – Mary Martha Bible Study
6:00pm – Crossfire Volleyball
7:00pm – Waldorf University Choir Concert
7:00pm – Boy Scout Troop 584 Meeting
- Friday, May 3:** 8:00am – Stepping Out in Faith
7:00pm – Couples Club Board Meeting
- Saturday, May 4:** 9:00am – VBS Workday
- Sunday, May 5:** 9:15am – Baptism Class
11:30am – Life Ministry Team
11:45am – 8th Grade Confirmation Meeting
6:00pm – Pickleball Open Play