

A graphic for an Easter celebration. It features a yellow crown at the top. Below it, the word "Easter" is written in a large, white, cursive script. Underneath "Easter", the word "CELEBRATION" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif, all-caps font. The text is set against a dark, textured background that looks like a night sky or a forest. The background has a gradient from dark blue on the left to purple on the right. There are faint, stylized outlines of trees and a cross in the background. The entire graphic is framed by a thin white border.

Easter CELEBRATION

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

MARCH 31, 2024

8:00, 9:20 AND 10:30AM

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

P = Pastor

* = Stand

C = Congregation

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!

CHRIST'S BODY AND BLOOD, for the forgiveness of sins, are truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine in the Sacrament of the Altar. Due to theological differences among Christians regarding beliefs about this Supper, only confirmed members of an LCMS church are invited to the Lord's table. Ask a pastor if you have questions or concerns. Please register your taking of communion on your attendance card.

Opening Voluntary

(8:00)

Processional

Arnold Sherman

(9:20 and 10:30)

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

Arranged: Jeff Cranfill

*Opening Sentences

Psalm 118:24

P The light of Christ!

C Thanks be to God!

P All of you choirs of angels and saints in heaven before us:

C Rejoice at Christ's victory over death.

P Now, heaven and earth, even all of creation:

C Rejoice, for the eternal darkness has been defeated.

P Rejoice, brothers and sisters in Christ both here and around the world!

C Our Lord has kept all God's promises!

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P This is the day that the Lord has made;

C Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia!

***Opening Hymn**

LSB 457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Δ 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

***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

HE IS NOT HERE
 —He is Risen—

*Confession and Absolution

P We cannot enter God's presence as we are. Our sinful condition falls short of the glory of God. Let us therefore give voice to those sins, confessing our faults and failures to one another and to God Himself.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Rejoice and be glad! God knows the frailty of the human condition. He, therefore, became one of us as Jesus, to die in order to pay for every sin, including all of yours. Behold! This is our God, who died and rose from death for you.

Therefore, in the stead and by the command of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*Hymn of Praise

LSB 469 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" Saints on earth and an - gels say;
6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply.
Thee we greet tri - um - phant now: Hail, the res - ur - rec - tion, Thou!



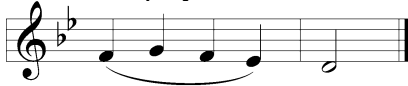
*Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray. . .



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6–9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. ⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, ^{then} to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***Alleluia (9:20)**



***Alleluia (8:00 and 10:30)**

Festival Alleluia

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!



*Choir: Since Christ was raised from the dead, He cannot die again;
Death no longer has dominion over Him, over Him.*



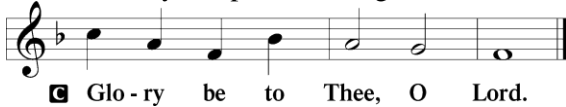
Choir: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it, in it.



*Holy Gospel

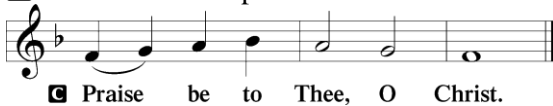
Mark 16:1–8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.



¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

LSB 465 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re-sounds In
 2 E-ter-nal is the gift He brings, There-
 3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt-less love; Set
 Δ 4 A-dor-ing prais-es now we bring And
 praise of love that still a-bounds: "Christ has tri-umphed!
 fore our heart with rap-ture sings: "Christ has tri-umphed!
 heart and will on things a-bove That we con-quer
 with the heav'n-ly bless-ed sing: "Christ has tri-umphed!
 He is liv-ing!" Sing, choirs of an-gels, loud and
 He is liv-ing!" Now still He comes to give us
 through Your tri-umph; Grant grace suf-fi-cient for life's
 Al-le-lu-ia! Be to the Fa-ther and our
 clear! Re-peat their song of glo-ry
 life And by His pres-ence stills all
 day That by our lives we tru-ly
 Lord, To Spir-it blest, most ho-ly
 here: "Christ has tri-umphed! Christ has tri-umphed!"
 strife. Christ has tri-umphed! He is liv-ing!
 say: "Christ has tri-umphed! He is liv-ing!"
 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!
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Sermon

"Fleeing the Tomb"

(Mark 16:1-8)

Gathering of the Offering

Please fill out an attendance card and place in the offering plate

Offertory Anthem

(8:00 and 10:30) *Christ Is Risen Indeed*
(9:20) *Sheep May Safely Graze*

Natalie Sleeth
J.S. Bach

*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.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*The Words of Our Lord

*Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

*Agnus Dei

A musical score for the Agnus Dei, consisting of five staves of music. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the staves.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Distribution Anthem

(8:00 and 10:30) *Alleluia* from “Uns Ist ein Kind geboren” Johann Kuhnau/Patricj Liebergen

Distribution Hymn

LSB 461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

- 5 He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

Distribution Anthem

(8:00)

Peace

(9:20 and 10:30)

Jesu, Joy Of Man's Desiring

J.S. Bach

Distribution Hymn

LSB 474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the
 3 Je - sus the vine, We are the branch - es; Life in the
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; Sor - row, be si - lent: Death put a -
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, Gold - en Je -



sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -
 sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break - ing our bread, Giv - ing us
 Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the
 sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: "O grave, be
 ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and arch -



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 an - gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Refrain
 Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ
 THE LORD
 is Risen

Distribution Hymn

LSB 466 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia



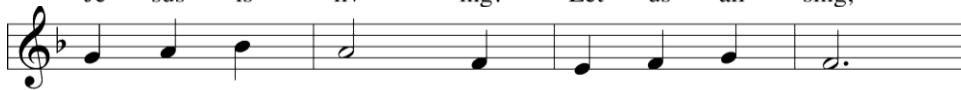
1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear!
 4 "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;
 5 Christ has a - ris - en; He sets us free;



Re - joice and praise Him, al - le - lu - ia.
 Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.
 He has a - ris - en this world to save.
 Al - le - lu - ia, to Him prais - es be.



For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
 He who gives life did death un - der - go;
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare;
 Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done;
 Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;



E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
 And in its con - quest His might did show.
 On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there,"
 E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."
 He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

Refrain



Let us sing praise to Him with end - less joy;



Death's fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy.




Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



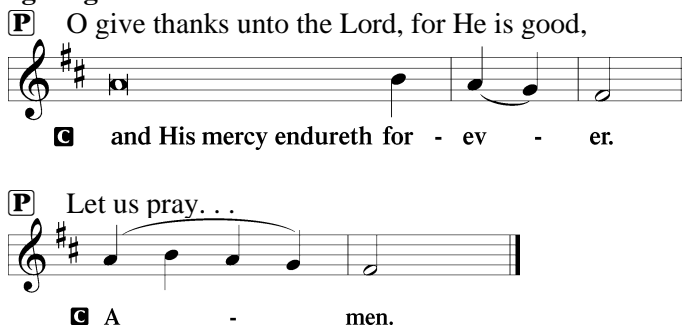
Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

*Nunc Dimittis



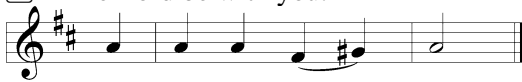
C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

*Thanksgiving



P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.
P Let us pray. . .
C A - men.

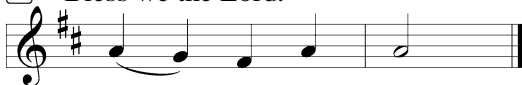
P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

*Benedicamus

P Bless we the Lord.



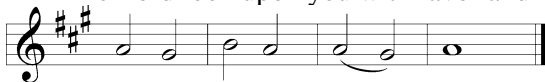
C Thanks be to God.

*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 477 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:
△ 3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;
Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;



He who on the cross a vic-tim For the world's sal - va-tion bled—
Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir-it, Fount of love and sanc-ti - ty!



Je-sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

*Silent Prayer

Closing Voluntary

Thine Be The Glory from Judas Maccabaeus

George Frederic Handel

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP:

Preacher: Pastor Jon Furgeson

Liturgist: Pastor Robert Brown

Organist: 8:00: Burnell Hackman; 9:20 & 10:30: Kendra Ruesler

Choirs: Chancel Choir, Bells of Peace, Orchestra of Peace

Choir Director: Burnell Hackman, DMM

KFUO AM 850 Announcer/Audio Engineer/Video Engineer: B. Uthoff/D. Gerfen/Alex Hopper

Elders: 8:00: Art Hoferlin, Erik Lunsford; 9:20: Aaron Baese, Steve Shawcross;
10:30: Bob Uthoff, Rob Uthoff

Ushers: 8:00: Dan Prange, Dan Dukesherer, Doug Engle, Kyle Hopper, Dan Hummert, Mike Wilke, Ralph Wolters; 9:20: Jim Maschhoff, Glenn Brinkmann, Greg Hard, David Suedkamp;
10:30: Bryan Dressel, Lorin Dressel, Paul Huddleston, John Rastorfer, Jeff Teague, Michael Viviano

Acolytes: 8:00: Henry Wildman, Hayden Wolaver; 10:30: Rachel McElroy, Sofia Palma

Greeters: 8:00: Joe & Diana Dostal; 9:20: Bruce & Jane Herzog; 10:30: Kelly Pfund

Altar Committee: Don Hopkins and Janice Schweiss

NO BIBLE CLASS OR SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS MORNING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KFUO AM 850 BROADCAST is sponsored by Gerry and Jackie Schramm in loving memory of Jacqueline Saitz.

OUR 8:00 A.M. SERVICE IS LIVE ON KFUE THIS WEEKEND and continuing through April. KFUE is found at 850AM on the radio. Broadcasts can also be heard 24/7 through KFUE.org.

JOIN US FOR THE EASTER BREAKFAST THIS MORNING! Served from 7:30 – 10:00 a.m. in the gymnasium, sponsored by the Men's Club.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR MAIL SLOT for your April newsletter and other important information.

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 pick up.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – REGISTER NOW! We will take a “Jungle Journey” this summer from June 24 to June 28. Three-year-olds through 3rd grade, join us for an epic adventure from Genesis to Revelation. Children 4th grade through 6th grade, we have activities scheduled for you too! Spots are filling up fast, so 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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS STILL NEEDED for our Sunday School program. Teachers especially needed for preschool, and 6th grade. Instructions will be provided. If interested, contact Pastor Brown.

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

CURTIS BOWERS PRESENTATION – FRIDAY, APRIL 12 Award-winning Christian filmmaker and podcaster, Curtis Bowers, will speak on “It’s All About the AGENDA” which connects news stories and events to the people and groups who are grinding America down. The presentation will be in Sanctuary Hall at 7:00 p.m.

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

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS DEADLINE IS TODAY If you would like to direct your Thrivent dollars to Peace, please do so by TODAY, March 31. Please call Thrivent directly at 800-847-4836, or go online to thrivent.com/thriventchoice. After contacting Thrivent, please call the church office (or complete the form found on the Commons counter) to tell us where to designate your dollars (budget, Special Music, Social Ministry, Boar’s Head, St. Trinity Cemetery, etc.) so we can correctly apply the funds once received. Thank you!

NEW LADIES SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY TOPIC begins on Sunday, April 14. They will be using the combined LifeLight study of Ephesians and 1 & 2 Thessalonians. Books for the class are \$13.50 each. Please contact Janice McCreary if you are interested.

OUR SHINE EVENT is Saturday, April 13, from 8:00 a.m. to noon. We will be meeting at church first. This once-a-year event is a great opportunity to volunteer and help support our community. **This year we will be packing food for the unhoused, cleaning alongside Barracksview Road, and helping out at Feed My People.** Perfect for those age 6 and above. To volunteer for this year's event please sign up by using the QR code on the Commons, or go to Peace's website and click on the Shine! logo on the home page. Following the event, lunch will be served in the gym. Grab your family and come and serve the Lord! For more information, see Pastor Brown.

"STEPPING OUT IN FAITH", an exercise opportunity here at Peace, has resumed for the spring and summer. The group meets each Monday and Friday from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. The morning begins with prayer before walking begins in the church parking lot (or gym if weather is questionable). For more information, contact Tony Cabanellas.

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN IS NO LONGER ACCEPTING EMPTY MEDICINE BOTTLES
Thank you to all who contributed in the past. Please kindly recycle your medicine bottles at home.

A NEW SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS will be held while Pastor Furgeson is on his sabbatical. Beginning on Sunday, June 2, Pastor Gadeken will lead the Bible Class in Sanctuary Hall from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. The first part of the summer we will study prayer itself: what it is and isn't, how to make prayer a conversation, what to pray for, special issues like healing, praying in a tongue, obstacles to prayer, and most importantly, how to make time for it and develop a practice you are comfortable with. As Edmond Clowney said, "the Bible does not present the art of prayer; it presents the God of prayer." The second half of the summer, we will get to know this God of prayer with a study of some of the famous prayers in the Bible, and then move into a study of some of the most famous Psalms (Scripture's prayer book). Plan on joining this Bible class each Sunday!

CONCERTS AT PEACE PRESENTS THREE EXCITING CONCERTS IN APRIL On Sunday, April 14, at 3:00 p.m. our very own Peace Musicians will present a Chamber Music Concert. Combining Sacred and Classical Music, this concert will give our musicians a chance to play in various small ensembles and with different combinations of instruments. On Saturday, April 20, at 7:00 p.m. the Wartburg College Choir will present a concert in the Sanctuary. Founded in 1937, the internationally acclaimed Wartburg Choir performs sacred music from all historical periods and styles and often collaborates with contemporary composers. Under the direction of Lee Nelson this is one of the finest college choirs in the Nation. On Sunday, April 21, at 3:00 p.m. in the Gym, a Big Band and Jazz Concert sponsored by our local Musicians Union and the Music Performance Trust Fund. This concert of Big Band and Jazz classics is in honor of Jazz Appreciation Month. You are invited to each of these outstanding concerts! Bring family and friends along to enjoy some great music in a wide variety of styles.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 31, 2024

Sunday, March 31: EASTER SUNDAY

6:30am – Sunrise Worship Service
7:00am – Easter Breakfast in Gym
8:00am – Easter Worship Service
9:20am – Easter Worship Service
10:30am – Easter Worship Service

Monday, April 1: OFFICE CLOSED

8:00am – Stepping Out in Faith
5:00pm – Book Committee Meeting – Ladies Club
6:00pm – Crossfire Volleyball

Tuesday, April 2: 9:00am – Quilters

9:00am – Plastic Mat Making
9:00am – Refit Exercise Class
6:00pm – Co-Ed Volleyball

Wednesday, April 3: 9:30am – Banner Committee

7:00pm – Chamber Ensemble Musicians Rehearsal

Thursday, April 4: 7:00am – Men’s Morning Bible Study

9:00am – Mary Martha Bible Study
6:00pm – Crossfire Volleyball
7:00pm – Boy Scout Troop 584 Meeting

Friday, April 5: 8:00am – Stepping Out in Faith

Sunday, April 7: 11:30am – Life Ministry Team

6:00pm – Pickleball Open Play

PASTOR FURGESON IS GOING ON SABBATICAL: WHAT IS A SABBATICAL? As reported in an earlier newsletter, this summer, Pastor Furgeson is going on a sabbatical. It means a time of rest. A sabbatical is a time for a pastor to pause and reflect, to recenter his life spiritually and in other ways. It can also be a time to think through theological issues he has not had time to mentally engage. In Pastor’s call documents to Peace, the list of duties and policies say he is supposed to take a sabbatical every 10 years. Entering now his 18th year, he thought it was probably about time to do so. He wants to emphasize a major point here: while most pastors take a sabbatical because they are “burning out” or are really struggling with some kind of issue, **that is not the case here.** He loves being at Peace, loves his job, has a happy family life, and is treated wonderfully by the congregation. He and his family will be going to see their relatives in Hong Kong. He will add his sabbatical around that trip, effectively being absent from Memorial Day to Labor Day in 2024. During that time, our retired and other member pastors will be helping out here and there to assist Pastor Brown in the summer work, especially on the weekends. Pastor Furgeson and his family will be around for a couple of weddings, but that is about it. Pastor is happy to answer any questions from anyone in the congregation regarding this event.

EASTER FLOWERS

Aaron and Linda Baese, in memory of their granddaughter Anabel Baese; Mary Bentrup, in memory of husband Bob; Syl and Judy Biermann, to the Glory of God; Gretchen, Kreighton, Keegan, Karson, Kameran Bluette, in memory of Chester Bluette; The Eaton Family, in memory of Eldor & Vernell Bock and Donnie & Freida Eaton; William Eydman, in memory of Kala Eydman; Rob and Cheryl Gadeken, in memory of Margaret & Gerhardt Buss and Gertrude & George Gadeken; The Glessner Family, in memory of Bill Rusch; Merrily Goldsmith, in loving memory of Bruce Goldsmith; Helen Hellwege, in memory of Wil Hellwege; Bill and Linda Hentchel, to the Glory of God; John Hooss Family, to the Glory of God; Patrick and Sarah Irwin, in memory of baby Shiloh Lee Irwin; Steve and Linda Kienstra, to the Glory of God for blessings received; Leon and Mary Jane Knoernschild, to the Glory of God; Linda Kohm, in memory of Rich Kohm; Jesse and Alyssa Kueker, to the Glory of God; Vicki McConnell, in memory of husband Jim McConnell; Bonna Mayer, in memory of daughters Punkin & Tammy; Children of Karl and Dorothy Meyer, in memory of Karl F. Meyer and in honor of Dorothy Meyer; Richard and Linda Meyer, Don and Debbie Meyer, Joyce Pippins, in memory of mother Roslyn Meyer and sister Carolyn Becherer; Donald and Barbara Miller, in memory of Thomas Brothers and Burion Miller; Mike and Lisa Murphy, in memory of their parents; The Palma Family, in memory of Rachel's mother Susan Seders and in honor of Sofia Palma's Confirmation; Keith and Dorothy Paul, in memory of their parents; Vern and Juvy Reisenbichler, in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Wilbert Reisenbichler, Mr. & Mrs. Federito Veliganilao, Maryln Rastl; Dean Rahn, in memory of Philip Rahn; Tyler and Ashlen Rainey, in memory of Harold & Marie Mohme, Harold Wehmeyer, and James Rainey; John and Tracey Roesch, in memory of loved ones; The Roenfeldt Family in memory of Grace & Harold Roenfeldt; Scott and Lisa Saberton, in memory of Leola & Ron Saberton; Mary and Clifton Sanders, in memory of Josie & Leonard Sanders; Wayne and Marilyn Schuessler, in honor of Mildred Bachmann's 95th birthday; Hannah Schweiss, in memory of Granny and Papa Kappen; The Sneed Family and Joyce Lohmeyer, in memory of Fred Lohmeyer; Anita Thomas, in memory of Don Thomas; Ralph and Grace Truemper, in honor of their son, Eric's 30 years active duty in the U.S. Navy; Sheets and Velten Families, in memory of their parents and grandparents Bill and Lovey Lauman; Jack and Betty Via, to the Glory of God; Fran Weiss, in memory of Karl Weiss; Eric Wellen and Henry Wellen, in memory of Betty Hanvey; Mary Widitz, in memory of Helen Muhlenbruch; Tom and Leigh Ann Zaretsky, in honor of their parents.

**Flowers will be available for pick up after the 10:30 a.m. service
on Sunday, March 31 or by Tuesday, April 2.**

