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“Peace Lutheran Church ... Our mission as a caring family is to reach out to all, share Christ’s love, and teach God’s Word.”

Our Vision: Equipping Our Members to Take the Message of Jesus Where They Live, Work and Play.

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 28, 2024

Divine Service, Setting One

AS WE GATHER

Easter People Proclaim

The spoken message about Jesus shared by Philip the deacon with the Ethiopian stranger made an eternal difference in that man’s life. The words that we speak and the messages that we share are of great importance and have the divine potential to “spread the reign of God the Lord” (LSB 830:1).

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN “O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

LSB 913

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 66:1–4, 8–9; 40:5*

L Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

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

L 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.”

L Bless our God, O peoples; let the sounds of His praise be heard,

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

- L** 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 AND FORGIVENESS

- L** 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.**
- L** God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.
- C** Amen.
- L** As you believe, so let it be.
- C** Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT

Psalm 145:1–2, 8, 10, 21; *antiphon: John 16:16*

- L** A little while, and you will see Me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see Me.
- C** I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever.
- L** Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever.
- C** The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- L** All Your works shall give thanks to You, O Lord, and all Your saints shall bless You!
- C** My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

- L** A little while, and you will see Me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see Me.

KYRIE

- L** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- L** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- L** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- L** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- L** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



- C** A - men.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L** The Lord be with you.



- C** And al - so with you.

L Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

FIRST READING Acts 8:26–40 *Pew Bible, pg.1089*
(Philip witnesses about Jesus to the Ethiopian official.)

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 1 John 4:1–11 *Pew Bible, pg.1212*
(An exhortation to lives of Christian love)

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL John 15:1–8 *Pew Bible, pg.1071*
(Jesus says that He is the vine and His people are the branches.)

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

L This is the Gospel of the Lord



C Praise to You, O Christ.

CREED *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.

HYMN OF THE DAY "Spread the Reign of God the Lord" *LSB 830*

SERMON "Chariots and Evangelism: Strange Bedfellows"
Randy Martens, Deacon Student

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

L May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

L 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 ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

CLOSING HYMN “Lift High the Cross”

LSB 837

✠ **in the name of Jesus** ✠

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