

# Peace Lutheran Church

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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***

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**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

April 14, 2024

## **AS WE GATHER**

**Welcome - It is truly a pleasure and honor to be gathered with you to praise and glorify God on this Third Sunday of Easter.** We sincerely invite and lovingly encourage all who are searching for a church home to join us in the joy of our journey and become actively involved with us in this challenging, rewarding adventure with Christ and His church here in this place.

***The season of Easter continues as we examine what our risen Lord Jesus' presence in our personal lives, our families and His church empowers us to do for Him and His Kingdom and for one another and others.***

*After Jesus rose from the dead He spent some precious time with His disciples...precious time bursting with spiritual truths that began the transformation process of changing His timid followers into His dynamic disciples. As we spend some precious time with our Lord, along with His disciples, may we learn from Him, and pray that those spiritual truths taught by our Lord are caught by us, so we, His timid, modern day disciples experience that same transforming love and power in our lives.*

*May the Risen Lord, who willingly gave His hands and feet to be nailed to the cross in order to forgive and save us, now bless our hands and feet for His purpose and use us as His faithful, bold, witnesses to share with our family, friends and others the saving message of His love for us and them.*

**What a joy today to Welcome As a New Member of Peace Lutheran Church Tambi Dunn at our 11:15am Worship.**

Please make her feel welcome and get to know her by name.

## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

## RINGING OF THE BELLS

## WELCOME

### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

**OPENING HYMN** “Awake, My Heart, with Gladness” *LSB 467*

### INVOCATION

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

**C** Amen.

**OPENING SENTENCES** *Psalm 118:24; Romans 6:9; adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8*

**P** This is the day that the LORD has made;

**C** let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**P** Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

**C** death no longer has dominion over Him.

**P** Christ has risen from the dead.

**C** God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.

**P** He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

**C** He has put all things under His feet.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

**C** Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful, and we have not always lived as Your thankful and joyful people. We have indeed turned away from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. Have mercy on us, gracious Father; forgive us all that is past, blot out our sins, and with the power of the Holy Spirit, direct our lives so that we serve You in true faithfulness. Grant us steadfastness among all the changes of this world and build Your kingdom among us here through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**P** God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. May He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit and grant you a victorious life on earth and finally a triumphant life with Him in heaven forever.

As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. As well-loved Easter people, rejoice and be glad! You are free indeed!

**C** Amen.

### ✠ WORD ✠

**INTROIT** *Psalm 30:1–5; antiphon: Psalm 16:11b*

**P** In Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**C** I will extol You, O LORD, for You have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

**P** O LORD my God, I cried to You for help, and You have healed me.

**C** O LORD, You have brought up my soul from Sheol; You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

**P** Sing praises to the LORD, O you His saints, and give thanks to His holy name.

**C** For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. 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.

**P** In Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**KYRIE HYMN** “Have Mercy on Your People, Lord” [*Tune: St. Anne*]  
Have mercy on Your people, Lord.  
Have mercy, Christ, our King.  
Renew us by Your mercy, Lord;  
Accept the prayers we bring.

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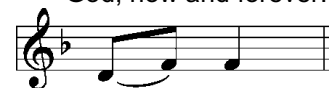
### SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray. O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## FIRST READING

Acts 3:11–21

*Pew Bible, pg. 1083*

*(Peter preaches in the heart of Jerusalem.)*

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

1 John 3:1–7

*Pew Bible, pg. 1211*

*(We are God's children now.)*

**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

Luke 24:36–49

*Pew Bible, pg. 1052*

*(The disciples are witnesses of the risen Lord.)*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

*(The Gospel is read.)*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## SERMON HYMN

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”

**LSB 474**

## SERMON

“Jesus LIVES FOR You...WITH You...IN You...AND...”

**Guest Pastor – Galen Grukke**

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## CREEDAL HYMN

“We All Believe in One True God”

**LSB 953**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We pray for the whole church, that the message of salvation may joyfully be proclaimed throughout all the world and the forgiveness of sins be celebrated around the globe. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** We pray for the nations of the world, that governments would be a source of blessing to those who are governed and that oppression in all forms may be hindered, bringing a sense of security and well-being in every place. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** We pray for ourselves in this amazing season of our Lord's great victory that we may truly be Easter people all year long, radiating the light of Christ in our homes, workplaces, and communities. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** We pray for all who serve us through their callings, especially those who deal with special challenges or dangers on a regular basis, including police officers, firefighters, and other emergency personnel. Also, we remember at this time the military forces of our nation, those stationed both at home and abroad, whose efforts serve to defend our nation in challenging times. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** We pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized, [*especially* . . .], those who grieve, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill and shut-in, and all others whose needs are known to us. Bless them with Your presence, gracious Father, that they may have a sense of purpose in their lives and find strength and hope for each day. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Merciful God, we bless You for having placed into our lives faithful Christian people to guide us. We remember those no longer among us on earth, who have completed their earthly races and have won the final

victory in Christ. Lead us to follow in their way, that we may rejoice together eternally with saints and angels. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer. Amen.

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### PROPER PREFACE

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord, our God, for, like as a Father, You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son for our salvation. Pour out upon us the gift of Your Spirit, that we may receive Your blessings with true thanksgiving. Grant that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord as a guarantee of our salvation and as a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, together with the Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### SANCTUS HYMN “Holy, Holy, Holy”

[Tune: Gloria]

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

Day and night we join to praise

Your love and majesty.

You alone are holy, worthy, and righteous.

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

We rejoice to join the hymns

Of earth and sky and sea.

Generations praise You, with saints and angels.

Holy and bless'd through all eternity.

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### THE LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

**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.

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

**P** 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 ✠ 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 ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

### PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C** A - men.

### AGNUS DEI HYMN “O Lamb of God, We Pray”

[Tune: Olivet]

O Lamb of God, we pray:

Take all our sins away—

Our faith increase.

Have mercy on us all,

Strengthen us when we fall,

Answer our fervent call

And grant us peace.

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### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives”

“Amazing Grace”

“Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing”

LSB 468

LSB 744

LSB 737

## POST-COMMUNION HYMN

“O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee”

**LSB 632**

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** Let us pray. Grant that Your Son’s body and blood, O Lord, which You have given us to eat and to drink, may abide in us; and let no stain of sin remain in us, whom this pure and holy Sacrament has refreshed; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.



**C** A - men.

## BENEDICTION

**P** 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

“He’s Risen, He’s Risen”

**LSB 480**

† in the name of Jesus †

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