

Peace Lutheran Church

“Peace Through Christ”

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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As We Gather Today's readings draw our attention to our Baptism and then to our Lord's command to love one another. Whenever we are able to produce such sweet fruit for God it is only because He has lavishly bestowed grace and forgiveness on us. He has pruned us as a faithful gardener would prune the vines of His vineyard. When and where God intervenes with His care, we bear much fruit and give Him the glory. Today we hear the words of Scripture in all of its blessed Law and Gospel. In response to His Word, we confess our sins, ready to receive His forgiveness for what is past and strengthened for future opportunities to love, to show mercy, and to forgive.

WELCOME CHILDREN- A cry room is located near the church entryway. Please see an usher for guidance.

HEARING AIDS and LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE.

If you would like a hearing aid or large print bulletin please see an usher.

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your Word We are gath - ered
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est
3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light of Light, from
4 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Lord, Praise to You and



all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
dark - ness shroud - ed Till Your Spir - it breaks our night
God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we may trust Your Word,



Now to seek and love and fear You, By Your teach - ings,
With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to
Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry Your
Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -



sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.
God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.
Church now rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.
low must wan - der, Till we sing Your prais - es yon - der.

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INVOCATION and VERSES

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Christ has risen from the dead.

People: God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor,

Pastor: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

People: He has put all things under His feet.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In today's Gospel we'll hear Jesus say, "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you." *John 15:1-3*

We became "branches" of Jesus the vine, like the Ethiopian in our reading from Acts, through our Baptism. The Holy Spirit has enabled us to hear the Word our Lord speaks. That Word is His forgiveness, which takes away our sins and makes us fruitful for His purposes.

Without such mercy and grace we cannot live as branches of our life-giving Vine. Let us consider our need for such forgiveness and confess our sins.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, living Vine,

People: we confess that we have been too casual in our relationship to You. We have taken for granted Your grace and mercy, poured out on us in Holy Baptism. By Your Holy Spirit, increase in us true devotion to Your will and a desire to bear fruit worthy of Your holy name. Forgive us, restore us, and set our feet on the path of true discipleship.

Pastor: In the Epistle St. John wrote, "In 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. . . . By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit." *1 John 4:10,13* God is merciful and gracious. He sent His only begotten Son, that by faith in His suffering, death and resurrection from the dead, we might have life. For Jesus' sake, all your sins have been forgiven. In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the blood of peace. *Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3*

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HYMN OF PRAISE

“We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God”



1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,
2 The band of the a-pos-tles in glo-ry sing Your praise;
3 You, Christ, are King of glo-ry, the ev-er-last-ing Son,
4 You sit in splen-did glo-ry, en-throned at God's right hand,



The Fa-ther ev-er-last-ing, by all the earth a-dored.
The fel-low-ship of proph-ets their death-less voic-es raise.
Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res-cue ev-'ry-one:
Up-hold-ing earth and heav-en by forc-es You com-mand.



To You all an-gel pow-ers cry a-loud, the heav-ens sing,
The mar-tyrs of Your king-dom, a great and no-ble throng,
You laid a-side Your glo-ry, were born of vir-gin's womb,



The cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim their prais-es to You bring:
Sing with the ho-ly Church through-out all the world this song:
Were cru-ci-fied for us and were placed in-to a tomb;
So help Your ser-vants You have re-deemed by blood, we pray;



“O ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth;
“O all-ma-jes-tic Fa-ther, Your true and on-ly Son,
Then by Your res-ur-rec-tion You won for us re-prieve—
May we with saints be num-bered where prais-es nev-er end,



Your maj-es-ty and glo-ry fill the heav-ens and the earth!”
And Ho-ly Spir-it, Com-fort-er— for-ev-er Three in One!”
You o-pened heav-en's king-dom to all who would be-lieve.
In glo-ry ev-er-last-ing. A-men, O Lord, a-men!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

+THE WORD OF GOD+

FIRST LESSON Acts 8:26-40

(Philip baptizes an Ethiopian.)

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 1 John 4:1-11

(God's love compels us to love.)

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



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 GOSPELJohn 15:1-8

(Jesus is the vine; we are the branches.)

Pastor : The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

(After the Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

(Children are dismissed for Sunday School)

HYMN OF THE DAY "O Blessed Spring"



1 O	bless-ed	spring,	where	Word	and	sign	Em - brace	us
2 Through	sum-mer	heat	of	youth-ful	years,	Un - cer - tain		
3 When	au-tumn	cools	and	youth	is	cold,	When	limbs
4 As	win - ter	comes,	as	win - ters	must,	We	breathe	our
5 Christ,	ho - ly	Vine,	Christ,	liv - ing	Tree,	Be	praised	for



in - to	Christ	the	Vine:	Here	Christ	en - joins	each	one	to
faith,	re - bel - lious	tears,	Sus - tained	by	Christ's	in - fus - ing			
heav - y	har - vest	hold,	Then	through	us,	warm,	the	Christ	will
last,	re - turn	to	dust;	Still	held	in	Christ,	our	souls
this	blest	mys - ter - y:	That	Word	and	wa - ter	thus	re -	



be	A	branch	of	this	life - giv - ing	Tree.
rain,	The	boughs	will	shout	for	joy
move	With	gifts	of	beau -	ty,	wis - dom,
wing	And	trust	the	prom -	ise	of
vive	And	join	us	to	Your	Tree
					of	Life.

MESSAGE

"Abundant Fruit and Abundant Life: God Goes Organic"

John 15:1-8

Deacon Bob Hutchison

CONFESSION OF FAITH (Apostles' Creed)

**All: 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.

OFFERING

Please sign the red fellowship book located at the aisle seat in each row and pass it down your pew. When finished, pass it back down your pew to the center aisle seat and the ushers will pick it up after the service.

VOLUNTARY

OFFERTORY

CREATE IN ME

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.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12
Tune: Johann Georg Winer, 1583-1651, adapt.
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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious onto You. The Lord look upon You with favor and + give you His peace.

People: Amen.



CLOSING HYMN “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!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given to the glory of God by the O'Neal's in celebration of Gene's birthday and also given by Dave and Sandra Miller in celebration of their 40th anniversary.

ATTENDANCE 4/21/24: 9:00-77 11:00-33 Total: 110

THOSE WHO SERVE US TODAY, April 28, 2024

9am

Elder: Dave Schmidt

Greeter:

Reader: Al Bosman

Acolyte: Blake Denninger

Ushers: Gary Taylor

Scott Ehlers

Steve Rusch

11am

Bob Hutchison

Connie Morris

Blaine Wanke

Noah Ylitalurri

Mike McCracken

Tom La Jeunesse

Rick Poore

Altar Care: Bill & Linda Young

Cookie & Coffee Service: L. Pommers, D. Pickler, B. Poore

Organist: Karen Foote

THOSE WHO SERVE US NEXT WEEK, May 5, 2024

10am

Elder: Tom Waddell

Greeter: Luci Pommers

Reader: Lori Schultze

Acolyte: Gavin Nava

Ushers: Blaine Wanke

Henry Andermann

Todd Harter

Altar Care: Irene Hutchison & Marsha Larson

Cookie & Coffee Service: Peggy Frye & Sunshine Hudnell

Organist: Karen Foote

Accompanist: Sandy Haven

Choir Director: Linda La Jeunesse

THIS WEEK AT PEACE APRIL 28, 2024

Sunday: 8:00 am New Life Christian Church
9:00 am Traditional Service
9:15 am Sunday School
10:15 am Adult Bible Study
11:00 am Traditional Service
4:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH)
Monday: Office closed
Tuesday: 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday: 10:00 am Luther's Attic Volunteers
6:30 pm A.C.A. Women's Support Group (PH)
Thursday: 10:00 am Lifelight Bible Study
5:45 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm Confirmation Class
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
Friday: 4:00 pm Girl Scouts
Saturday: ++++++

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF April 28, 2024

PASTOR NELSON, his wife and two sons will join us for a casserole/salad potluck **Saturday, May 11th at 11:30**. This will give us an opportunity to hear about his mission work for the past two years. Please bring either a casserole or salad to share. The church will provide desserts. A door offering will be taken after the potluck.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS is held, in the Proverbs House, our class will meet 15 minutes after service. We will begin our study of "Recovering the Joy of Theology" watching Pastor Bryan Wolfmuehler present theological content in an interesting way. More info, call Kevin Krumdieck @ 805-551-8507

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY is held at 10am with a study of Acts. Contact Leila Langston for more info at:714-875-6340

LIFE LIGHT BIBLE STUDY is held on Thursdays, via Zoom at 10 AM. Contact Blaine or Diana Wanke for more info @ 805-490-8212.

PRAYER CHAIN- If you have a prayer request, please call *Sandi Stepp* at: 805-625-0479 or e-mail: footstepps@verizon.net.

THE 2024 FLOWER CHART is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex outside the Cry Room. There are 2 signups available each Sunday, please sign up for the Sunday(s) of your choice. Each arrangement is \$40.00, and the donation can be placed in an envelope in the offering plate. If you do write a check, please note on the check or envelope that the donation is designated for "Flowers". After the last service, you may take your arrangement home, or they may be donated to one of our shut-ins.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS: Our donations for the food pantry taken to the Episcopal Church for distribution have declined in recent months. Just a reminder that there is food insecurity here in Camarillo and your donations help our neighbors. Please put your items in the box in the narthex. The Food Pantry values our partnership, which in turn is appreciated by the recipients of your generosity! Board of Social Concerns

ALTAR CARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Altar Committee is still in need of volunteers for 2024. If you've never done this job and are interested in learning about it, there are mentors to assist you. The signup sheet is located in the Narthex. Contact Linda Young at 805-236-4820 or by email at nephronurse@verizon.net.

EMPTY INK and TONER CARTRIDGES: Please don't throw away your empties, drop them off at the church office for recycling.

VBS REGISTRATION BEGINS MAY 26th! A volunteer staff meeting will be on June 2nd & June 16th following service, 11:30 in the Coffee House. Materials will be distributed. See Linda La Jeunesse for more info.

NEXT WEEK 10AM SERVICE BEGINS

PRAY FOR: Edith Anderson, Ashley, Brandee Brand, Brian Derozer, Beverly Gandy, Damon Hermann, Vicki Hutter, Karen Johnson, Sonja Manzer, Carol Marker, Pat Massey, Ryan Scott Morrison, David Stafford, Leslie Stenke, Ashley Stephen, Lara Tate, Dusty Urban, Sandy Williamson, Lisa Wright, Sue Zinger & Elle Zorkocy.

FOR OUR MILITARY: Henry Andermann, Jared Bautista, Jacob Chiles, Andrew Geib, Daniel Gross, Michael Hanson, Brian Miller, Stephen Volpei, Lucas Wentland, Avery Chapman & Adam Volpei.

