# Peace Lutheran Church "Peace Through Christ"

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## **EASTER SUNDAY**

March 31, 2024

As We Gather Today is a day of celebration! Jesus is alive! He is risen indeed. This fact informs all of our lives---if God can raise Jesus from the dead, He can bring life to my situation; He can take away my fear of death. So this day, we rejoice. We celebrate Jesus, no longer dead, but alive.

Attention Visitors We celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion this morning. This holy meal is intended for Christians who acknowledge their need of God's forgiveness in their lives. The Bible teaches that Christ's body and blood are received with the elements of bread and wine and that Christians need to examine themselves before receiving this holy meal. (1Cor. 10 & 11). This meal further expresses a unity of faith as we gather at one table to receive the assurance of God's forgiveness through the body and blood of our Lord in the sacrament. We welcome baptized Christians to commune with us, those who believe and confess this same faith and understanding of the sacrament and of the Christian life. Persons who desire to receive grape juice select from the darker glasses. If you have any further questions concerning the sacrament, please ask to speak to the Pastor.

**Welcome Children-** A cry room is located near the church entryway. Please see an usher for guidance.

<u>Hearing aids and large print bulletins are available.</u> If you would like a hearing aid or large print bulletin please see an usher.

## RINGING OF THE BELL PRELUDE

**WELCOME** 

## + PREPARATION +

**EASTER GOSPEL.....** *Mark* 16:1-8

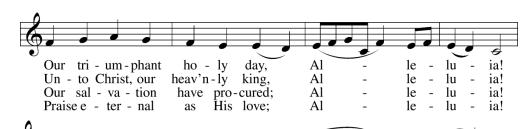
Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

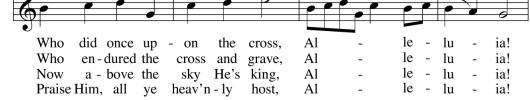
People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

## HYMN "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

(Please turn and face the cross as it is brought in.)









#### INVOCATION AND DOXOLOGY

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the

Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: All praise to God the Father - **People: who raised His Son in victory.** 

Pastor: All praise to Jesus, God's Son, risen from the dead -

People: our living and reigning King.

Pastor: All praise to God the Holy Spirit -

People: who has worked in us a living hope in the

resurrection.

#### **PROCLAMATION**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!



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#### **CONFESSION**

Pastor: In preparation to receive His Holy Supper this morning,

let us confess our sins to God our Father and receive His forgiveness, that we may be reconciled to Him and

to one another.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

Pastor: Merciful and risen Savior,

People: we claim to be people of the resurrection, yet we confess that far too often we do not exhibit a resurrection life. Our prayers are weak and our faith is shallow. We compartmentalize our lives, placing you on the sidelines of our work, our family life and our play. We take too much for granted and fail to thank you for the blessings of health, relationships and freedoms. We fail to be good stewards of your creation, and we become discouraged by problems, limitations and failures. Gracious and ever-present God, forgive our shortsightedness and our lack of trust. Help us to see that you are at work in our lives and in the world. Inspire us to hold fast to you in faith, knowing that you are working all things for good and that because of the empty tomb, we have nothing to fear. Amen.

## **ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Our living Lord and Savior forgives the most impossible sins, overcomes the greatest fears, comforts the loudest cries, and breaks down the strongest barriers to His love and peace. Through the resurrection, Christ's power in the Holy Spirit lives and works here and now. By that Christ-given authority, and in the stead of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. The peace of the Lord be with you always. Amen.

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#### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

#### "This is the Feast"



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen

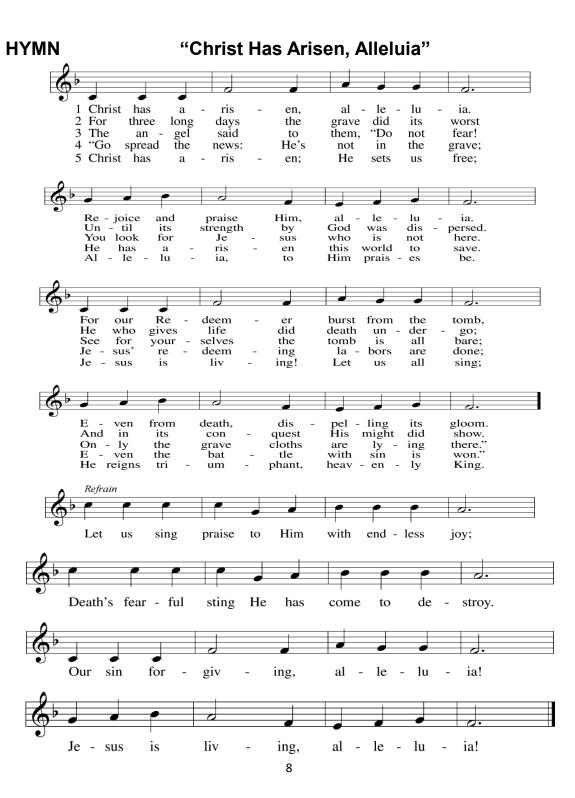
## + WORD +

(After the reading)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.





(After the reading)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## **CHOIR**

#### "Christ Is Risen Indeed!"

Handbell Quartet: Karen Rusch, Jennifer Merlino Renaye La Jeunesse, Linda Young



## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Pastor Mike Schultze Director of Youth

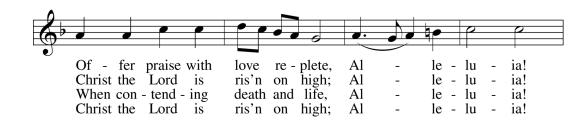


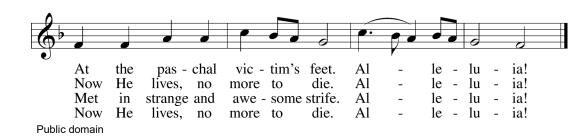
## **HYMN**

## "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia"









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#### **EASTER MESSAGE**

"You Will See Him, Just As He Told You"

Mark 16:1-8

Pastor Mike Schultze

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH** (Apostles' Creed)

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

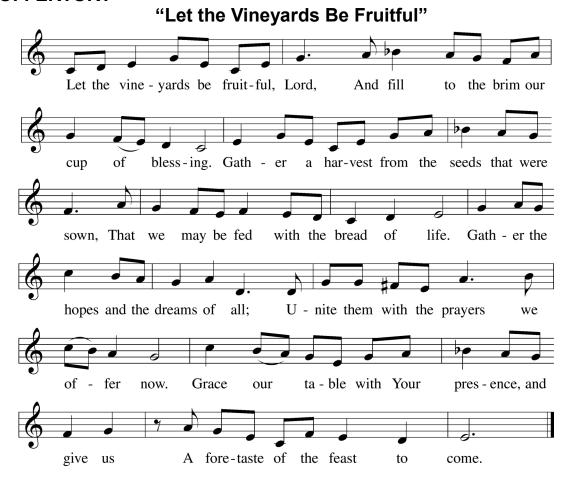
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand
of God the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

#### **OFFERTORY**



## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Rejoicing that our Savior's tomb is empty and that He has swallowed up death forever, let us pray for the Church of our risen Lord and for everyone in need.

Lord of life, keep in faith all of us whom You have baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus. Drive sin out of our hearts. Strengthen us to resist the devil's temptations and fill us with Easter life so that the world can see by our lives that You have given us life that lasts forever. In the name of our risen Lord.

People: hear our prayer and give us His life.

Pastor: Lord of life, through Your angel You invited the women at Jesus' empty tomb to tell the disciples about His resurrection. Give us hearts so filled with thanks that we do not keep the Good News to ourselves but share it with the people in our lives and joyfully support the proclamation of the Gospel all over the world. In the name of our risen Lord.

People: hear our prayer and give us His life.

Pastor: Lord of life, guide the leaders of our land and the leaders of all countries. Give them Your wisdom, so they use their authority to protect the helpless and care for all people. Bring an end to all hatred and war, and give to us concord and peace. Watch over those who serve in the military and their families. Keep them from harm, and give Your comfort to those who must spend these holy days apart from those they love. In the name of our risen Lord,

People: hear our prayer and give us His life.

Pastor: Lord of life, You promise to wipe away tears from all faces. We beg You to be with the sick, the injured, the aged, and everyone in need. Give them the peace that comes from having resurrection life in Jesus and, if you know it to be best, grant them healing. In the name of our risen Lord.

People: hear our prayer and give us His life.

Pastor: Lord of life, we praise You for Your care in our lives and the lives of the people we love. Make all marriages among us reflections of Christ's gracious love for His Bride, the Church. Bless our families with your affection and guidance. Watch over those who live in poverty, and be with those recovering from natural disasters. Provide good weather for our crops. And give us thankful hearts for all Your undeserved goodness to us. In the name of our risen Lord,

People: hear our prayer and give us His life. (Cont'd)

Pastor: Lord of life, You promised that on Your mountain You would make a feast of rich food for all people. As we come to Your table to receive Christ's risen body and blood, renew each of us in faith. Forgive our sins, fill us with rejoicing in Your salvation and give us our Savior's Easter life in this meal so that we live in faith toward You and love for each other. In he name of our risen Lord.

People: hear our prayer and give us His life.

Pastor: Hear us, loving Father, for the sake of Your Son, who was crucified for us but now is alive, living and reigning with You and the Holv Spirit. one God. now and forever.

People: Amen

+ SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION +

**PREFACE** 

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

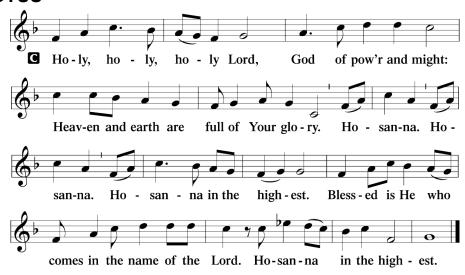
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.** 

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

#### **SANCTUS**



#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

People: Amen

#### 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.

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His 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 is My + blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

#### PEACE OF THE LORD

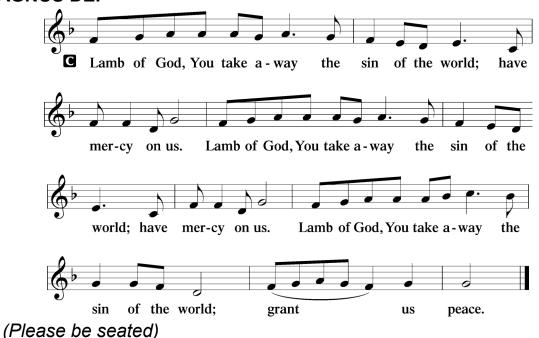
Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

### **AGNUS DEI**



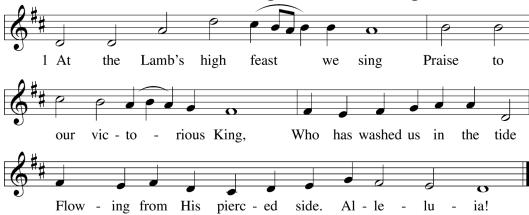
#### **HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION**





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## "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"



- 5 Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie; You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall,
  Now no more the grave enthrall;
  You have opened paradise,
  And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!
  - 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
    This alone can sin destroy;
    From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
    Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!
- 8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!

## "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"



- 1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to day!" Saints on earth and an gels say;
- 2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Fought the fight, the bat-tle won;
- 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
  4 Lives a gain our glo-rious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply.

Lo! Our Sun's e-clipse is o'er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.

Death in vain for-bids His rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.

Once He died our souls to save; Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?



## "He's Risen, He's Risen"



With Fa - ther and Spir - it He ev - er shall reign.

## "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"









5 Jesus lives! And now is death
But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath
When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:
Jesus is my confidence!

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: We give thanks to You, risen Savior, for Your body and blood for the forgiveness of our sin and Your victory over sin and death. We thank You that You have saved us. Fill our hearts with the joy of sins forgiven as we represent You and live for You in our daily lives. We pray in Your name, O Christ.

People: Amen.

#### **BLESSING**

Pastor: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Hebrews 13:20—21

People: Amen.

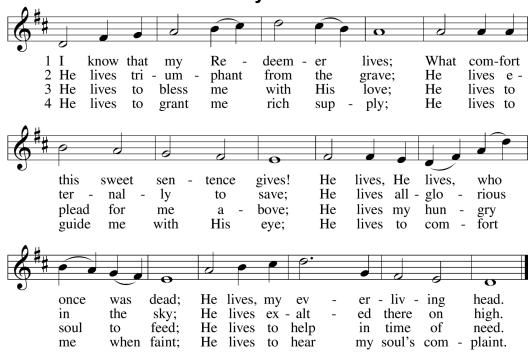
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People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

(Please be seated)

#### **CLOSING HYMN**

## "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"



- 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!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS POSTLUDE

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given to the glory and thanksgiving of our risen Savior,

by the members of Peace.

**ATTENDANCE ON 3/24/24**: 9:00am-96 11:00am-33 Total:129

#### THOSE WHO SERVE US TODAY, EASTER SUNDAY March 31, 2024

9am 11am Elder: Al Bosman Blaine Wanke Greeter: **Connie Morris** Reader: Bill Young **Bob Hutchison** Marshall Denninger Lucas Williamson Acolyte: **Ushers:** Glenn Benitz Mike McCracken Scott Ehlers Tom La Jeunesse Steve Rusch Rick Poore

Altar Care: Bill & Linda Young

Cookie & Coffee Service: S. McCracken, T. Andermann, L. Stenke

**Organist:** Karen Foote

Choir Accompanist: Sandy Haven Choir Director: Linda La Jeunesse

## THOSE WHO SERVE US **NEXT WEEK**, **April 7**, **2024**

<u>9am</u> <u>11am</u>

Elder:Dave SchmidtBob HutchisonGreeter:Donna PicklerReader:Bill YoungRoy Poehler

Acolyte:Blake DenningerSamuel WilliamsonUshers:Gary TaylorDave SchmidtBill YoungRoy DeVries

Jim Devries

Altar Care: Bill & Linda Young

Cookie & Coffee Service: S. Fraser, J. Morici, D. Pickler

**Organist:** Karen Foote

## THIS WEEK AT PEACE MARCH 31, 2024

Sunday: 9:00 am Traditional Communion Service

10:15 am Easter Brunch

11:00 am Traditional Communion Service1:30 pm New Life Christian Fellowship

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)

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION!- Beginning April 1st, the kitchen will be off limits to everyone due to the work that needs to be done. The fridge/ freezer unit needs to be moved away from the wall and located somewhere else in the kitchen and plugged in to prevent any kind of foot traffic. There will be an "environmental curtain" temporarily installed to prevent dust and other irritants into the air. Fans will also be used and need to run all night. The work should last a week. Please do not plan on using the kitchen or entering the kitchen during that time. Thank you! David J. Miller Head Trustee

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF March 31, 2024

**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 Wolfmueller 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** begins again on 4/11/24 @10am. 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 at 805-236-4820.

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.

# PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAY FOR: Edith Anderson, Ashley, Brandee Brand, Brian Derozer, Magnolia Duenez (baby), Beverly Gandy, Damon Hermann, Vicki Hutter, K. Johnson, Sonja Manzer, Carol Marker, Pat Massey, Ryan Scott Morrison, T. Schmidt, D. Schultz, David Stafford, Leslie Stenke, Ashley Stephen, Lara Tate, B. Toro, Dusty Urban, Sandy Williamson, Lisa Wright, Sue Zinger & Elle Zorkocy.

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

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## Rise and Shine!

It is the day of joy and our hearts sing of it.

Jesus is alive! HAPPY EASTER!

and they said..ALLELULIA!

HE IS RISEN....INDEED!!!!



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