

# *Peace Lutheran Church*

**“Peace Through Christ”**

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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**AS WE GATHER** “Amazing” is a commonly used word in the English that has a rich history. It came into common usage in the 14th century as a variant of the older root word *amasod*, which meant “stupefied” or “confounded” or “overwhelmed with sudden surprise” or “wonder.” The word *amazing* shows up in hymns we sing throughout the year: from the incarnation of our amazing God early in the church year, to his Lenten passion and amazing pity shown for us, “the church of God, which he bought with his own blood” (Acts 20:28). Even when a member of the family of God dies, we still sing about God’s “Amazing Grace.” It is no wonder that Mary’s outburst in praise (the Magnificat) has been incorporated into the Church’s liturgy, God “has done amazing things to me.” This Easter time is no different. It is a time to be truly amazed and filled with the praise of our amazing Lord who has come back from the grave victorious and with the express intent to share his victory with us sinners for whom he, indeed, accomplished great and wondrous things. Simply amazing!

**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

### “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Prais - ing Thee, their sun a - bove.  
Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun - tain - head of love di - vine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.  
Chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.  
Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy - ful, we by grace are Thine!

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## INVOCATION

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

**People: Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 43:4; 16:11b*

Pastor: I will go to the altar of God,

**People: to God my exceeding joy.**

Pastor: In Your presence there is fullness of joy;

**People: at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

## CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: That our joy may be complete, let us first confess our sins to God our Father.

*Silence for self-examination.*

Pastor: Gracious God,

**People: we confess that we are troubled by our sins and the doubts that arise in our hearts. We can hope for Your grace and help only if we can hear Your Word and the assurance of Your forgiveness. In the name of our risen Lord Jesus, we beg You to speak Your peace to us. And embolden us to speak it to others. Amen.**

Pastor: Peace to you! Everything written about Jesus in the Law, the Prophets, and the Psalms has been fulfilled. By your faith in the Risen Christ, 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*

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

**“Amazing Grace”**

1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That  
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
 have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me  
 mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall  
 shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to

now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
 por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
 safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.  
 then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.  
 sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

Text (sts. 1-4): John Newton, 1725-1807, alt.; (st. 5): A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790, Richmond  
 Tune: Columbian Harmony, 1829, Cincinnati  
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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray.  
 Risen Lord, may we continue to walk in the footsteps of a bold confession from the Apostles, the martyrs and our Lutheran forefathers. May we, as Your Church Militant, confess You, with a plain, confident, clear and winsome voice. On You, O Lord, the Rock of our salvation, here we stand; we can do nothing else! For You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**+THE WORD OF GOD+**

**FIRST LESSON** ..... Acts 3:11-21  
*(Peter speaks in Solomon's portico.)*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING** ..... 1 John 3:1-7  
*(We are God's children now.)*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

☩ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

☩ These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

☩ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**HOLY GOSPEL** ..... Luke 24:36-49  
*(Jesus appears to His disciples.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.  
**People: Praise to You O Christ.**

(Children are dismissed for Sunday School)

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### “And Can It Be That I Should Gain?”

1 And can it be that I should gain An in - terest  
2 He left His Fa - ther's throne a - bove, So free, so  
3 Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay Fast bound in  
4 No con - dem - na - tion now I dread: Je - sus, and

1 in the Sav - ior's blood? Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
2 in - fi - nite His grace! Emp - tied Him - self of all but love,  
3 sin and na - ture's night. Thine eye dif - fused a quick - ening ray;  
4 all in Him, is mine! A - live in Him, my liv - ing Head,

1 For me, who Him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love! how  
2 And bled for A - dam's help - less race! 'Tis mer - cy all, im -  
3 I woke - the dun - geon flamed with light! My chains fell off, my  
4 And clothed in right - eous - ness di - vine, Bold I ap - proach th'e -

1 can it be That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
2 mense and free, For, O my God, it found out me.  
3 heart was free, I rose, went forth, and fol - lowed Thee.  
4 ter - nal throne, And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

A - maz - ing love! how can it be

That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me! A - men.

## MESSAGE

### “And Can It Be Even More Amazing Than A Miracle?”

Acts 3:11-21  
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 and fill out the fellowship book and pass it down your pew.  
The ushers will pick it up after the service.)*

## PRAYERS 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

### “Preserve Your Word, O Savior”



And let Your king-dom flour-ish; En-large Your Church, we pray.  
Con-vince, con-vert, en-light-en The souls in er-ror's night.  
Pro-tect what You have cho-sen A-gainst the hell-ish flood.  
The mir-ror of Your glo-ry, The pow'r that saves the soul.



O keep our faith from fail-ing; Keep hope's bright star a-glow.  
Re-veal Your will, dear Sav-ior, To all who dwell be-low,  
Be al-ways our de-fend-er When dan-gers gath-er round;  
Oh, may this liv-ing wa-ter, This dew of heav'n-ly grace,



Let noth-ing from truth turn us While liv-ing here be-low.  
Great light of all the liv-ing, That all Your name may know.  
When all the earth is crum-bling, Safe may Your Church be found.  
Sus-tain us while here liv-ing Un-til we see Your face.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### POSTLUDE

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Given to the glory of God by Darlene Tegt.

**ATTENDANCE 4/7/21:** 9:00-82 11:00- 26 Total- 108

**THOSE WHO SERVE US TODAY, April 14, 2024**

	<b><u>9am</u></b>	<b><u>11am</u></b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Dave Schmidt	Bob Hutchison
<b>Greeter:</b>		Karen & Gary Taylor
<b>Reader:</b>	Linda Young	Brian Nomi
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Noah Ylizarurri	Michelle Ullerick
<b>Ushers:</b>	Blaine Wanke Henry Andermann Todd Harter	Mike McCracken Rick Poore
<b>Altar Care:</b>	Bill & Linda Young	
<b>Cookie &amp; Coffee Service:</b>	L. Pommers, D. Pickler, B. Poore	
<b>Organist:</b>	Karen Foote	

**THOSE WHO SERVE US NEXT WEEK, April 21, 2024**

	<b><u>9am</u></b>	<b><u>11am</u></b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Dave Schmidt	Bob Hutchison
<b>Greeter:</b>		Charlo Stuart
<b>Reader:</b>	David Hudnell	Don Haven
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Marshall Denninger	Lucas Williamson
<b>Ushers:</b>	Glenn Benitz Scott Ehlers Steve Rusch	Dave Schmidt Roy Poehler Jim DeVries
<b>Altar Care:</b>	Bill & Linda Young	
<b>Cookie &amp; Coffee Service:</b>	L. Pommers, D. Pickler, B. Poore	
<b>Organist:</b>	Karen Foote	
<b>Choir Accompanist:</b>	Robby Waddell	
<b>Choir Director:</b>	Linda La Jeunesse	

**THIS WEEK AT PEACE APRIL 14, 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  
7:00 pm Council

Wednesday: 10:00 am Luther's Attic Volunteers  
6:30 pm A.C.A. Women's Support Group (PH)  
6:00 pm Confirmation Class

Thursday: 10:00 am Lifelight Bible Study  
5:45 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday: 4:00 pm Girl Scouts

Saturday: ++++++

**JUST TO LET YOU KNOW** – At the February Voters Meeting, it was announced that the Elders had approved refurbishing our silver communion ware. The silver pieces were sent to be refurbished this past week. The process will take about three to four months. During this time, there will be **no** common cup communion available. There will be no other changes to the Communion Service as we have the communion set from the Fellowship Hall to use as a back-up. And....our beloved set will come back more beautiful than ever.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF April 14, 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](mailto: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](mailto:nephronurse@verizon.net).

**HELPING HANDS TODAY**, April 14<sup>th</sup>, a door offering will be taken after each service for our Helping Hands fund. This fund is available for the People of Peace that have hit a rough patch. This is strictly confidential between you and our Pastor. Cash or checks payable to Peace Lutheran Church are gratefully accepted. Thank you for your support. Social Concerns

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

**VBS VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP IS POSTED ON THE WHITE BOARD!** VBS is in the works! Join us for the “**Celebration of Our Savior Who Gives Us Joy!**” 6/17-21 from 9am-noon. See Linda La Jeunesse for more info.

**OPEN HOUSE AFTERNOON TEA**– You are invited to the display garden of Scott & Cindy Klittich’s nursery **NEXT Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> between 1&4pm.** Come when you can. The address is Otto & Son’s Nursery, 1835 East Guiberson Road, Fillmore. Various desserts and snacks, such as lemonade, iced tea, and hot tea, will be served. If you would like to bring a tea item to share, you are welcome to. The picnic area has tables/chairs, and there is a kid's play area as well. Please **sign up** so they can plan accordingly. However, please attend even if you weren’t able to sign up. The garden is beautiful this time of year, with thousands of blooming roses to enjoy.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

**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, T. Schmidt, David Stafford, Leslie Stenke, Ashley Stephen, Lara Tate, 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.

