

Peace Lutheran Church

“Peace Through Christ”

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As We Gather The risen Lord Jesus comes among His followers speaking peace, breathing out the Holy Spirit, and announcing the forgiveness of sins (John 20:19–23). Filled by His Spirit; with His Word in their hearts and on their lips, the apostles boldly proclaimed that Jesus is the Christ—the leader and Savior of the world (Acts 5:31,42). They were strengthened by God to endure opposition certain of their “living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead” (1 Peter 1:3).

People Have Asked, if they are not able to attend services, how can they continue to support the congregation with their regular giving? Whether we are holding regular Sunday worship services or not, the expenses will continue. We ask you to remember this is not a giving holiday. We have easy options.

1. You can mail you offering to the church or
2. You can sign up for Vanco giving. Vanco is a convenient way to give directly from your bank account or credit card. There is information about it on our website, or if it is easier for you, you can call them and they will walk you through the process on the phone. You will need to know the church address, 71 Loma Drive, Camarillo, and have your account information handy. Vanco moves your offering from your account directly into ours. We have been using this service for some time now and people have found it to be easy and one less thing to worry about.

You can sign up on our website, peacecamarillo.com, or call 1-800-675-7430. Choose option #1 for client services and they will help you get started.

Council also decided, to be good stewards of the resources we have available, that all major projects around the church will be put on hold for the present time.

If you have a special need we can help you with, please call the church office.

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING 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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INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES 1 Peter 1:3–5

Pastor: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again

Pastor: To a living hope

People: through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Pastor: By God's power

People: We are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Father of all mercy and grace,

People: We confess to You our sins of body, mind, spirit, and tongue. We readily acknowledge with our minds the victory of the Lord Jesus over death and the grave, but we so easily deny the power of His resurrection in our daily lives. We are sorry, and we want to do better. As Jesus came among His followers that night in the upper room, let Him now come among us speaking Your peace, breathing out Your Spirit, and granting us Your absolution, which He won for us by His dying and His rising again.

Pastor: God has heard your confession and speaks peace to you in Jesus' name. Because of your sincere hearts through faith in the Risen Savior, all your sins are forgiven. In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN

"The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done"

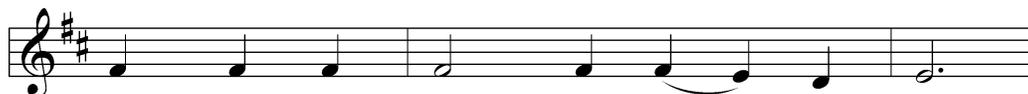
Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done;
 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,
 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped,
 4 He broke the age - bound chains of hell;
 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed Thee,



Now is the vic - tor's tri - umph won;
 But Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed.
 He ris - es glo - rious from the dead.
 The bars from heav'n's high por - tals fell.
 From death's dread sting Thy ser - vants free

The Refrain is repeated after st. 5.



Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 All glo - ry to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Let hymns of praise His tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
 That we may live and sing to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

PSALM 148

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

People: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!

Pastor: Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!

People: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Pastor: Let them praise the name of the LORD!
For he commanded and they were created.

People: And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

Pastor: Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps,

People: fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!

Pastor: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

People: Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!

Pastor: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

People: Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

Pastor: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted;
his majesty is above earth and heaven.

People: He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him.

All: Praise the LORD!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

+THE WORD OF GOD+**FIRST READING** Acts 5:29–42

²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰ The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

³³ When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴ But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people,

stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵ And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶ For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷ After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸ So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹ but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, ⁴⁰ and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹ Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴² And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 1 Peter 1:3–9

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

"Because He Lives"



1 God sent His Son, they called Him Je - sus, He came to love,
 2 *How sweet to hold a new-born ba - by, And feel the pride,*
 3 And then one day I'll cross the riv - er, I'll fight life's fi -



1 heal, and for - give; He lived and died to buy my
 2 *and joy He gives; But great - er still the calm as -*
 3 nal war with pain; And then as death gives way to



1 par-don, An emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.
 2 *sur-ance, This child can face un - cer-tain days be-cause He lives.*
 3 vic-tory, I'll see the lights of glo-ry and I'll know He lives.



Be-cause He lives I can face to - mor-row, Be-cause He lives



all fear is gone; Be-cause I know He holds the



fu-ture. And life is worth the liv - ing just be-cause He lives.

HOLY GOSPEL John 20:19–31

Pastor : The Holy Gospel according to St. John , the 20th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry That love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, And sing to - day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
strew His way; Let all the world re - joice and say:
can - not die, And sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord The life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

MESSAGE

If There's One Good Thing About Getting Forgetful,
It's All The New People You Meet!
Recognizing And Embracing The Risen Christ
John 20:19-31

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.**

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 to you.

The LORD look upon you with favor and + give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"Thine Is The Glory"



1 Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; End - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, Ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, Glo - rious Prince of life; Life is nought with-



vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, Scat - ters fear and gloom; Let his Church with glad - ness
out thee; Aid us in our strife; Make us more than con-qu'rors,



Rolled the stone a - way, Kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
Hymns of tri - umph sing, For the Lord now liv - eth;
Through thy death - less love; Bring us safe through Jor - dan



Where thy bod - y lay.
Death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con-qu'ring Son;
To thy home a - bove.



End - less is the vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won!

Remember in Your Prayers

For health and healing: Edith Anderson, Lili Baehr, Christy Burckhard (Gary & Karen Taylor's sister-in-law), Mrs. Cheung (Veronica Lee's friend), Crystal (Phil Deck's niece), Remi Chatelain (Carol Yung's friend), Marshall Denninger, Dwayne Field, Bruce Fraser, Rory Hall (Jim & Lily Mainland's granddaughter), Ken Haugrud, Damon Hermann (friend of Greg Olewiler), Jim Hogan (Robin Schmidt's brother-in-law), Vickie Hutter, Jan Irwin (friend of David Zinger), Karen Johnson, Dawn Logan (Pat Massey's niece), Mrs. Mai, (friend of Greg Olewiler), Michelle & family (friend of Melissa Hamilton), of Seza Mirzarian (Phil Hamilton's son-in-law's aunt), Ken Nipstad, John O'Loony (friend of the Hamiltons), Linda Packham, Jim Pedersen, Hedy Pein, Ingrid Poehler, David Saunders (friend of Carol Yung), Llewyn Rae Spencer (infant grandson of Gary & Char Spencer), Leslie Stenke, Jon & Renee Volpei (Connie Morris' son & daughter-in-law), Carol Yung, Sue Zinger.

For peace and comfort:

Janet Saunders, (friend of Carol Yung) facing tough decision.

Jean Kohut, as she mourns the death of her husband Milton (Mickey).

Allen Burckhard, as he cares for his wife Christy and their children.

Pray for all military men and women especially: Jacob Chiles, Andrew Geib, Daniel Gross, Michael Hanson, Brian Miller, Kevin Palos, Kevin Schleicher, Stephen Volpei, Amy Waddell, Lucas Wentlandt. Also remember their families in your prayers.

Please keep the nation and all those in authority in your prayers, along with front line healthcare workers. We will get through this together, because we never go through anything alone.