Peace Lutheran Church "Peace Through Christ"

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER April 28, 2024

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, readied to receive His forgiveness for what is past and strengthened for future opportunities to love, to show mercy, and to forgive.

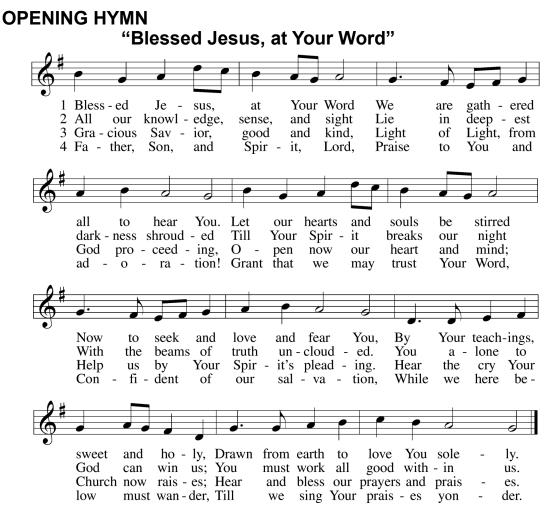
WELCOME CHILDREN- A cry room is located near the church entryway. Please see an usher for guidance.

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**





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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.

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



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+

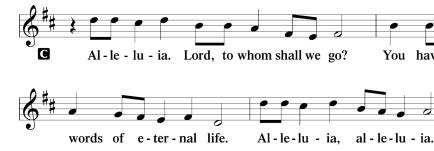
FIRST LESSON Acts 8:26-40 (Philip baptizes an Ethiopian.) Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

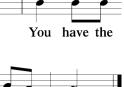
(God's love compels us to love.)

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

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



EPISTLE 1 John 4:1-11



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

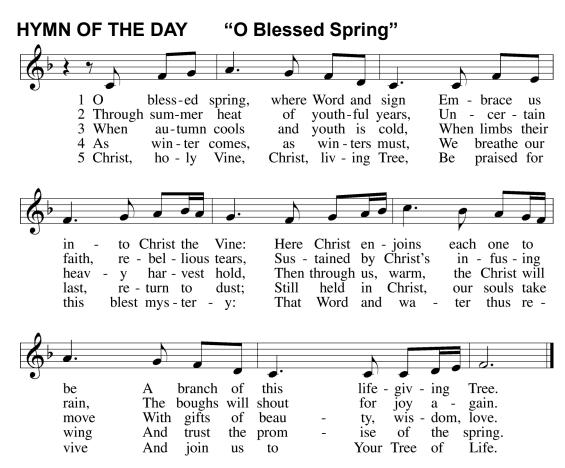
Pastor : The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.

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)



MESSAGE

"Abundant Fruit and Abundant Life: God Goes Organic"

John 15:1-8 Deacon Bob Hutchison

CONFESSION OF FAITH (Apostles' Creed)

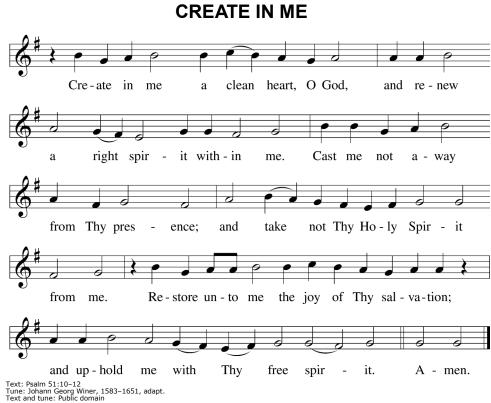
- All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
 - And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.
 - The third day He rose again 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.

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OFFERTORY



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.





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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

	<u>9am</u>	<u>1</u>
Elder:	Dave Schmidt	Bob
Greeter:		Con
Reader:	Al Bosman	Blair
Acolyte:	Blake Denninger	Noah
Ushers:	Gary Taylor	Mike
	Scott Ehlers	Tom
	Steve Rusch	Rick
Altar Care:	Bill & Linda Young	
Cookie & Coffee Service: L. Pommers, D. Pickler, B.		
Organist:	Karen Foote	

THOSE WHO SERVE US NEXT WEEK, May 5, 2024

	<u>10am</u>	
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 H		
Organist:	Karen Foote	
Accompa	nist: Sandy Haven	
Choir Director: Linda La Jeunesse		

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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 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

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

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<u>PRAYER CHAIN-</u> 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.

<u>EMPTY INK and TONER CARTRIDGES</u>: Please don't throw away your empties, drop them off at the church office for recycling.
<u>VBS REGISTRATION BEGINS MAY 26th!</u> 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.

