

# Peace Lutheran Church

“Peace Through Christ”

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER April 23, 2023

**AS WE GATHER -** Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Don't confuse us with facts. Often that is the basis of our opinions and actions. We would rather hold our convictions and opinions rather than be informed by the truth that comes from the facts. If that is where life finds us, we are in good company—the company of Cleopas and his friend as they traveled to Emmaus. Their hopes and dreams had once been built on their Lord, Jesus the Christ; but now all that was crumbling because of the rumors and the lack of the facts. When the Stranger joined them, He brought their uncertainty to a halt. The Word of God still reveals the Christ to us. That Word—His Word—melts our hearts of stone and plastic and warms them with His forgiving love. Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**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**



### **Remember in your Prayers:**

**HEALTH AND HEALING:** Ashley (Sandi Stepp's niece), Brandee Brand, Brian Derozer, Bruce Fraser, Beverly Gandy, Helen (friend of Carol Yung), Damon Hermann (friend of Greg Olewiler), John Hollenbeck (friend of Eunice Harter), Vicki Hutter, Karen Johnson, Susan Klein, Mrs. Mai, (friend of Greg Olewiler), Carol Marker, Ryan Scott Morrison, Ann Marie Ramirez (friend of Carol Yung), Mike Reuter, Tim Schmidt, Don Schultz, David Stafford, Leslie Stenke, Ashley Stephen, Lara Tate, Bev Toro, Dusty Urban, Sandy Williamson, Lisa (Cassidy) Wright, Carol Yung and Ele Zorkocy.

***Pray for all military men, women and their families:*** Jared Bautista, Jacob Chiles, Andrew Geib, Daniel Gross, Michael Hanson, Brian Miller, Kevin Schleicher, Stephen Volpei, Lucas Wentland, Henry Andermann and Avery Chapman.

**+PREPARATION+**

**THIS WEEK AT PEACE April 23, 2023**

Sunday: 9:00 am Traditional Communion Service  
 9:20 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Praise Communion Service (FH)  
 1:30 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

Thursday: 9:30 am Thursday Morning Bible Study  
 10:00 am Lifelight Bible Study  
 5:45 pm Handbell Practice (Sanctuary)  
 7:00 pm Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

Friday: ++++++

Saturday: ++++++



**OPENING "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"**



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -  
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience  
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He  
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to  
 bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He  
 con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to  
 from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,  
 is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,  
 us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion  
 You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and  
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts  
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that  
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful  
 that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,  
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,  
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.  
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.  
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.  
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

## INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES *Romans 6:9; Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6, adapted*

Pastor: Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

People: **death no longer has dominion over Him.**

Pastor: Christ has risen from the dead. Alleluia!

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. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

People: **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our creator and preserver, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are stained by sin from our very beginnings. We have sinned again and again in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves and have turned away from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for all of our many sins. Have mercy on us, gracious Father; forgive us all that is past, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, direct our lives so that we serve You in true faithfulness. Grant us victory over all that oppresses us, and build Your kingdom among us here through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### POSTLUDE

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Given to the glory of God by Luci Pommers and in remembrance of her husband Andris.

**ATTENDANCE ON 4/16/23:** 9:00am-78 11:00am-25 Total: **103**  
Sunday School: **8**

### THOSE WHO SERVE US TODAY APRIL 23, 2023

#### 9:00 am

Elder: Blaine Wanke

Greeters: Luci Pommers

Readers: Blaine Wanke

Acolytes: Shane Muller

Ushers: Scott Klittich

Steve Rusch

Altar Care: Bill & Linda Young

Organist: Karen Foote

#### 11:00 am

Tom Waddell/Phil Hamilton

Richard Bongiorno

Rachael Ylizaliturri & Jane Morici

### THOSE WHO SERVE US NEXT SUNDAY APRIL 30, 2023

#### 9:00 am

Elder: Blaine Wanke

Greeters: Connie Morris

Readers: Todd Harter

Acolytes: Shane Muller

Ushers: Blaine Wanke

Henry Andermann

Todd Harter

Altar Care: Bill & Linda Young

Organist: Karen Foote

#### 11:00 am

Tom Waddell/Phil Hamilton

Stacy Hunter

Rachael Ylizaliturri & Jane Morici

## 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

### “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”



1 My hope is built on nothing less Than Je - sus'  
2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on  
3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me  
4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my  
His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and  
in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly  
then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!



Refrain  
On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Pastor: In His boundless mercy, God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him for restoration and renewal. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the X Son and of the Holy Spirit. God keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, and grant you a life on earth in which you tell of His greatness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

## HYMN OF PRAISE “Praise Be to Christ”



1 Praise be to Christ in whom we see The im - age of the  
2 Praise be to Him whose sov - 'reign sway And will up - holds cre -  
3 Praise be to Him who, Lord Most High, The full - ness of the



Fa - ther shown, The first-born Son re - vealed and known, The truth and  
a - tion's plan; Who is, be - fore all worlds be - gan And when our  
God - head shares; And yet our hu - man na - ture bears, Who came as



grace of de - i - ty; Through whom cre - a - tion came to birth,  
world has passed a - way: Lord of the Church, its life and head,  
man to bleed and die. And from His cross there flows our peace



Whose fin - gers set the stars in place, The un - seen pow'rs, and  
Re - demp - tion's price and source and theme, A - live, the first - born  
Who chose for us the path He trod, That so might sins and



this small earth, The fur - thest bounds of time and space.  
from the dead, To reign as all - in - all su - preme.  
sor - rows cease And all be rec - on - ciled to God.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit to open our hearts to this “Abiding Guest” who deigns to live with us so that our empty hearts may be filled with His presence and peace; through Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People: Amen.

## +THE WORD OF GOD+

### FIRST READING ..... Acts 2:14a, 36–41

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

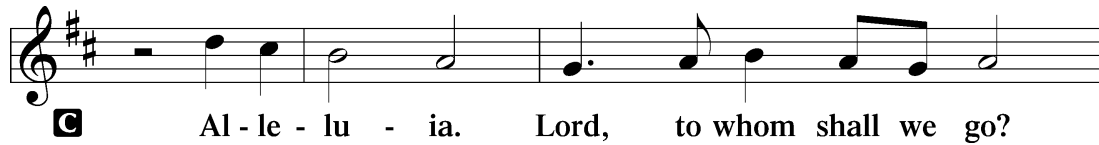
People: Thanks be to God.

### EPISTLE ..... 1 Peter 1:17–25

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## ALLELUIA



## OFFERTORY

### “Create in Me”



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## 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.

**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.  
When finished, pass it back down your pew to the center aisle seat and  
the ushers will pick it up after the service.)*

**VOLUNTARY**

**HOLY GOSPEL**..... *Luke 24:13–35*

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

### “Crown Him with Many Crowns”



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;  
2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,  
3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,  
4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.  
Whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won Which now His brow a - dorn:  
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And  
Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The  
No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But  
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who



hail Him as thy match - less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.  
down - ward bend their won - d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.

## MESSAGE

### “Lord, Don't Be A Stranger; Open Your Word, Our Eyes, Our Hearts”

*Luke 24:19-35*

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## HYMN

### “In Thee Is Gladness”



1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,  
2 Since He is ours, We fear no pow - ers, Not of



sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of  
earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -



heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou  
tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where - fore the



wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se -  
sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -



cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are  
joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for



pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing  
glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him



To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!  
And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!