

Peace Lutheran Church

“Peace Through Christ”

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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As We Gather “Jesus is Lord.” This confession may be the simplest, while at the same time an essential creedal statement of His followers. To prioritize any other idea or emphasis is to divert attention from Jesus alone, who Himself is the Lord. The corrupt systems of this world, fueled by greed, lust, and power enforced by violence, threaten to overwhelm us. Jesus is preeminent because, empowered by the love of God, He alone has overcome the corrupt systems of this world through His incarnation, life, death, and resurrection. He overcame, and we overcome in Him—by faith. This faith is what opens people to receive God’s love, keep His commandments, and overcome the corrupt systems of this world ourselves. Jesus is victorious, and in Him, we overcome—by faith. Alleluia!

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RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

WELCOME



+PREPARATION+

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

People: Amen. *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD.

People: Who made heaven and earth. *Psalms 124:8*

Pastor: If You, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared. *Psalms 130:3-4*

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

Pastor: O Almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord be merciful to you and grant you strength. In accordance with your faith in the suffering, death and resurrection of God's only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, all your sins have been forgiven. In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God!



HYMN

“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
4 “Go spread the news: He’s not in the grave;
5 Christ has a - ris - en; He sets us free;



Re - joice and praise Him, al - le - lu - ia.
He has a - ris - en this world to save.
Al - le - lu - ia, to Him prais - es be.



For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
Je - sus’ re - deem - ing la - bors are done;
Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;



E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won.”
He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

Refrain



Let us sing praise to Him with end - less joy;



Death’s fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

PSALM.Psalm 66:1-7, 16-20

Pastor: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

**People: sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise!**

Pastor: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to
you.

**People: All the earth worships you
and sings praises to you;
they sing praises to your name."**

Pastor: Come and see what God has done:
he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

**People: He turned the sea into dry land;
they passed through the river on foot.
There did we rejoice in him,**

Pastor: who rules by his might forever,
whose eyes keep watch on the nations—
let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

**People: Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for my soul.**

Pastor: I cried to him with my mouth,
and high praise was on my tongue.

**People: If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened.**

Pastor: But truly God has listened;
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

**People: Blessed be God,
because he has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy
inspiration grant that we may think those things that
are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish
them; 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 10:34-48
(Gentiles are baptized.)

(After the reading)

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 1 John 5:1-8
(We show God's love as we keep His commandments.)

(After the reading)

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HANDBELL CHOIR **"Amazing Grace"**

HOLY GOSPEL John 15:9-17
(Jesus' words are to fill us with joy.)

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!

HYMN OF THE DAY

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

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MESSAGE

The Circle of Life In Christ Is Like A Revolving Door—
What If God's Plan To Make The World A Better Place,
Revolves Around You Being A Better Person?

1 John 5:1-8



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 *(offering plates are located by the door)*

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

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.

5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!

Let the Amen, sound from His people again;

Gladly forever adore Him!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

ALTAR FLOWERS- Given to the glory of God by Diane and
Sunshine Hudnell in celebration of David's birthday, today.

ATTENDANCE FOR 5/2/21- 8:00: **40** 9:30: **27** 11:00: **70** Total: **137**

THOSE WHO SERVE US TODAY May 9,2021

8:00am

9:30am

11:00am

Elder: Dave Schmidt Tom & Bob Weaver Al Bosman
Greeters: Luci Pommers
Readers: Bill Young Steve Herman David Hudnell
Acolytes: Anna Pettit Rebecca Nomi
Ushers: Craig Frye Rick Poore
Karen Taylor Tom Taylor
Gary Taylor
Bill Young

Altar Care: Linda Young
Organist: Karen Foote

THOSE WHO SERVE US NEXT SUNDAY May 16, 2021

8:00am

9:30am

11:00am

Elder: Dave Schmidt Tom & Bob Weaver Al Bosman
Greeters: Luci Pommers
Readers: Peggy Frye Susan Weaver Al Bosman
Acolytes: Paige Krause Michelle Ullerick
Ushers: Bob Lacy Dave Schmidt
Jim DeVries Roy Poehler
Mike Hale

Altar Care: Irene Hutchison
Organist: Karen Foote

THIS WEEK AT PEACE

May 9, 2021

- Today: 8:00 & 11:00 a.m. Traditional Services
9:30 am Praise Communion Service (FH)
9:30 am Adult Bible Study (Coffeehouse)
10:42 am Adult Bible Study (Coffeehouse)
1:30 pm New Life Church Service
- Monday: *Office closed*
- Tuesday: 8:30 am Men's Bible study via zoom
10:00 am Women's Bible Study (Coffee House)
7:00 pm Super Tuesday
- Wednesday: 10:00 am LifeLight Bible Study via zoom
6:00 pm High School Bible Study
10:00 am Luther's Attic Volunteers
- Thursday: 6:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
- Friday: 6:00 pm Confirmation Final Exam
- Saturday: 10:00 am Band Practice
- Sunday: 8:00 am & 11:00 am Traditional Communion Services
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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF May 9, 2021

JOIN A BIBLE STUDY:

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets Tuesdays, at 10:00 a.m. with a study on the book of Revelation. Please contact Connie Morris (805)987-5116 to join or for more information.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY This new study on "Proverbs-God's Gift of Wisdom", meets via Zoom Tuesdays at 8:30am. Call Dave Hutter (805)386-7007 to join for more information. Please pick up your copy of the study in the church office.

THE LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY has started a new Zoom study on the Gospel of Mark on Wednesdays at 10 AM. This is a 9 week study. Please contact Diana or Blaine Wanke 805-482-7524 if you would like to join this study.

PORTALS OF PRAYER for April-June are now available for you to pick up either at the check-in table or during the church office hours.

PRAYER CHAIN: If you have a prayer request please call Sandi Stepp at: 805-625-0479 or e-mail footstepps@verizon.net.

THE FOOD BANK Donations for the food pantry at St. Columba's Episcopal Church can once again be put in the donation box in the narthex. All donations will be taken over to the pantry on a weekly basis. Shelf stable milk, cereal, canned vegetables, tuna, and peanut butter are always needed, but all non-perishable, unexpired donations are greatly appreciated. The pantry serves our Camarillo seniors and families that need a helping hand. We thank you for your continued support. Social Concerns Ministry.

GREETERS NEEDED! We are in need of welcome smiles with a "hi and welcome!" (no hand shaking) at the door each week on a rotating basis. (Especially needed for the 8am service) You pick the service that you prefer to greet at. Please contact Cindy Klittich to sign up @ caklittich@gmail.com or 805-377-3117.

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

THE 2021 FLOWER CHART is posted on the white board as you come to the check-in station. Please bring a pen to sign up for the Sunday(s) of your choice. Two signups are available for each Sunday. The arrangements are \$35.00 each, and the check or money can be placed in the offering plate. Please note on the check or on the envelope that it is designated for "Flowers". Following the service, you may take your arrangement home.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

FOR HEALTH AND HEALING: Ashley (Sandi Stepp's niece), Lili Baehr, Barbara (Diana Wanke's sister), Terry Breckinridge, Marshall Denninger, Jordan Dye, Bill Fitch, Bruce Fraser, Beverly Gandy, Larry Goesch, Ken Haugrud, Helen (friend of Carol Yung), Damon Hermann (friend of Greg Olewiler), John Hollenbeck (friend of Eunice Harter), Vicki Hutter, Karen Johnson, Judy (friend of Schultze family), Jacque Hendricks (Pat Massey's daughter in-law), Brad Larson, Mrs. Mai, (friend of Greg Olewiler), Ryan Scott Morrison, Gene O'Neal, Jim Pedersen, Ann Marie Ramirez (friend of Carol Yung), Lil Rodriguez (Luther's Attic worker), Tim Schmidt, Shane Shelton (relative of Melissa Hamilton), Dale Sieber, Llewyn Rae Spencer (grandson of Gary & Char Spencer), Gertrude Stenke, Leslie Stenke, Ashley Stephen, Bev Toro, Justyn Varvais and Carol Yung.

FOR PEACE AND COMFORT:

Pray for all military men and women especially: Jared Bautista, Jacob Chiles, Andrew Geib, Daniel Gross, Michael Hanson, Brian Miller, Kevin Palos, Kevin Schleicher, Stephen Volpei, Amy Waddell, Lucas Wentland.

Also remember their families in your prayers.

