



Peace Lutheran Church

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DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.; Sunday: 8:00, 9:20, and 10:30 a.m.

The Rev. Dr. Jon C. Furgeson, Senior Pastor, 601-1039

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HERE I STAND SUNDAY
IT'S STILL ALL ABOUT
Jesus

THE THIRD SATURDAY OF EASTER

500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIET OF WORMS

APRIL 17, 2021

SATURDAY DRIVE-IN SERVICE Tune your radio to FM 90.1. Please be sure to record your attendance online.

KFUO AM 850 BROADCAST this weekend is sponsored by Diane Woehr in celebration of Brianne Woehr's birthday.

EARLY CHILDHOOD IS NOW ENROLLING for the 2021/2022 school year. Ages 6 weeks to 5 years are invited to enroll. Call (314)892-8844 for information.

VIRTUAL BANQUET AT PEACE The Life Ministry Team is hosting a virtual banquet at Peace on Tuesday, May 4, for the Pregnancy Help Center of South County. Dinner will be served at 6:30p.m. and a video presentation of the work done by the center will be shown. A donation to the center would be appreciated. Contact Christy at 314-805-9127 by April 28 if you would like to attend.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is planned for July 19-23. Due to possible COVID restrictions, we need all participants to register online on the Peace website by Sunday, June 6. Registration is vital so we can plan the logistics for the children and staff. If you have any questions, please contact Christina Stackle.

COVID VACCINATION EVENT tomorrow, Sunday, April 18, from 11:30-4:00, in the gym at Peace. All appointment times have been filled. If you made an appointment, please keep your commitment, otherwise, the vaccine will go to waste. Also remember to bring the required paperwork. Contact Christina Stackle if you have any questions.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

P = Pastor

C = Congregation

Opening Voluntary

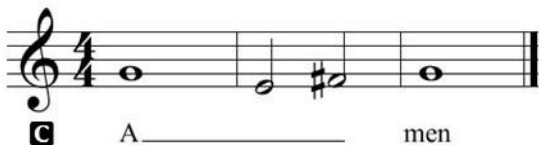
Hymn of Invocation

LSB 656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
2 With might of ours can naught be done,
A trust - y shield and weap - on;
Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;
He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
But for us fights the val - iant One,
That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.
The old e - vil foe Now means
Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
Are his dread arms in fight; On earth holds
And there's none oth - er God; He holds
is not his e - qual.
the field for - ev - er.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.



P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Confession of Sins

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **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.**

Absolution



Gloria Patri



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Kyrie

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray...

C A - men.

First Reading

Acts 3:11–21

¹¹While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon’s, astounded. ¹²And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: “Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

¹⁷“And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus

fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 John 3:1–7

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:36–49

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he

said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C 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.



Hymn of the Day

LSB 548 Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious



1 Thanks to Thee, O Christ, vic - to - rious! Thanks to Thee, O
2 Thou hast died for my trans - gres - sion, All my sins on
3 For the joy Thine ad - vent gave me, For Thy ho - ly,



Lord of Life! Death hath now no pow - er o'er us,
Thee were laid; Thou hast won for me sal - va - tion,
pre - cious Word; For Thy Bap - tism, which doth save me,



Thou hast con-quired in the strife. Thanks be - cause Thou didst a -
On the cross my debt was paid. From the grave I shall a -
For Thy blest Com - mu - nion board; For Thy death, the bit - ter



rise And hast o - pened par - a - dise! None can ful - ly
rise And shall meet Thee in the skies. Death it - self is
scorn, For Thy res - ur - rec - tion morn, Lord, I thank Thee



sing the glo - ry Of the res - ur - rec - tion sto - ry.
tran - si - to - ry; I shall lift my head in glo - ry.
and ex - tol Thee, And in heav'n I shall be - hold Thee.

Sermon

“Standing in God’s Truth”

(I John 3:1-7)

Interlude

Offertory



☐ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it
 from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-va-
 tion, and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A-men.

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

C 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

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn to Depart

LSB 656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
4 The Word they still shall let re - main

All ea - ger to de - vour us,
Nor an - y thanks have for it;

We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
He's by our side up - on the plain

They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
With His good gifts and Spir - it.

This world's prince may still Sowl fierce
And take they our life, Goods, fame,

as child, he and will, He can harm us none.
Though these all be gone,

He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -
Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -

tle word can fell him.
dom ours re - main - eth.

Silent Prayer

Closing Voluntary

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson
Liturgist: 5:00, 8:00, 10:30: Pastor Robert M. Brown; 9:20: Sem. James Burke
Organist: Saturday: Alice Kastens; Sunday: Kendra Ruesler
Sat. Cantor: Rachel Wildman
KFUO 850 AM Broadcaster/Engineer: Alan Hopfer/Terry Hutton
Elders: 5:00: Stephen Kienstra; 8:00: Jeff Akers, Rick Goodman; 9:20: Aaron Baese, Art Hoeflerlin; 10:30: Dave Carlson, John Hooss
Ushers: 5:00: Bill Petrovic, Gary Stinnett; 8:00: Joe Sneed, Jon Caron, David Dippold, Joe Dosal, Tyler Rainey, Tyler Sneed, Brian Stumpf; 9:20: John Roesch, Charles Rolf, Joe Roesch, Bill Schlegel, Gerry Schramm, Ed Stackle; 10:30: Mike Murphy, Caleb Mirly, Andrew Oster, Lynn Oster, Roger Rakers, Matt Thiel, Bob Uthoff, Rob Uthoff, Ken Werkmeister
Altar Comm: Jeanne Hooss, Grace Truemper

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 18, 2021

Sunday, April 18: 11:30 – COVID Vaccination Event
Monday, April 19: 6:00 – Board of Parish Ed Meeting
7:00 – Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday, April 20: 9:00 – Quilters
9:00 – Plastic Mat Making
6:00 – Property Management
Wednesday, April 21: 9:00 – TPL Assembly
12:00 – Brown Bag Concert for Senior Citizens
7:00 – Wednesday Bible Study
7:00 – High School Youth
7:00 – Chancel Voices Rehearsal
Thursday, April 22: 7:00 – Chancel Singers Rehearsal
Saturday, April 24: 5:00 – Drive-in Worship Service
6:30 – St. Louis Theater Orchestra Concert
Sunday, April 25: 8:00/9:20/10:30 – Worship Services

CONCERTS AT PEACE presents a Special Brown Bag Concert for Senior Citizens on Wednesday, April 21 from 12:00 – 1:00 pm in the parking lot. Popular and Jazz pianist and singer **Ken Kehner** will provide music. You are invited to order a Brown Bag lunch (or bring your own) to enjoy during the concert from your car or lawn chair. To order lunch visit www.peacestlmusic.org or call the church office. This concert is courtesy of the St. Louis Musicians Union. Monday, April 19 is the deadline to order lunch.

CONCERTS AT PEACE will host the **St. Louis Theater Musicians' Orchestra** in concert Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 6:30 pm in the West Parking Lot. You may sit in your car or bring a lawn chair to enjoy music from 22 musicians that perform in the orchestra pits of the Muny, The Fox and Repertory Theater of St. Louis. Support has been provided by Local 2-197 of the American Federation of Musicians of the United States and Canada.

Luther's Answer at the Diet of Worms:

It could have all ended the evening of April 18, 1521. The sun was beginning to set on the city of Worms. The heat was stifling in the packed room of the bishop's palace where emperor, electors and German princes all waited with anticipation to hear the answer Martin Luther would bring. Would Luther recant? Would he retract what he had written and said against abuses in the church and against papal tyranny? Most of all, would he give up on the Gospel he had preached and taught, giving comfort and certainty to consciences in Christ? "Martin, answer clearly and without any doubletalk: Do you or do you not recant your books and the errors in them?" If Luther were to recant and admit that he was wrong all would be well before the emperor and the Roman Catholic Church. On the other hand, if he did not recant, his own life would be at risk. He could be burned as a heretic. This was it: recant or stand firm. With beads of sweat on his face, Luther responded:



“Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason (for I do not trust either in the pope or in councils alone, since it is well known that they have often erred and contradicted themselves), I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not retract anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience. I cannot do otherwise, here I stand, may God help me. Amen.” (LW 32:112–13).

At this bold confession, the room erupted in noise. Some rejoiced; some demanded fire! Yet, in the midst of such commotion, the truth of Jesus Christ rang forth. The gates of Hades had not prevailed over the confession of the Gospel. The proclamation of justification by grace through faith on account of Christ's work alone did not bend to spiritual tyranny.

500 Years Later:

Today, we stand in the footsteps of Martin Luther 500 years later. We stand boldly, proclaiming the One who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. We stand boldly, renouncing the devil and all his works and all his ways. We stand by the grace of God, steadfast and ready to suffer all rather than fall away. We do not stand on Luther, but we will gladly stand with him, firm on the testimony of the Holy Scriptures to confess the saving Gospel of Christ, our Good Shepherd, who died and rose, in whose name is forgiveness of sins for all people. Here we stand; we can do no other. God help us. Amen.

ONE MEMBER PRESENT AT THE DIET OF WORMS was the 12th great-grandfather of Pastor Kastens. Rev. Johann Hedemann (1488-1541) was present when Luther made his April 18, 1521 appearance at the Imperial Diet at Worms. He was Chaplain for the Duke of Diepholz, Germany at the time. He later became a Lutheran in 1528 and served as a Lutheran Pastor until his passing.