

Peace Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

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DIVINE SERVICES

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

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

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Christina Stackle, Director of Christian Education

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 2, 2021

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

CUB SCOUTS will be selling \$5 Camp Cards beginning May 9, following the 8:00 and 9:20am services.

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY meets Monday, May 10, at 7:00p.m. in the Sanctuary.

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.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT ONLINE GIVING? Our Financial Secretary, Jacque McElroy is available this morning from 7:30am-11:30am at the Commons desk to answer any questions you have about electronic giving at Peace.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is planned for July 19-23. Please register online on the Peace website by Sunday, June 6. Contact Christina Stackle for more information.

CALL DAY ASSIGNMENTS FOR OUR PEACE SEMINARIANS This past week, our Seminarians received their calls: Sem. Nathaniel Jensen was called to the Board for International Mission, St. Louis, Missouri; Sem. James Burke was called to be a Vicar at St. John Lutheran Church, Dublin, Ohio; Sem. Andrew Mussell was called to be Associate Pastor at Zion Lutheran Church, Mayer, Minnesota. God's blessings to all of them!

MOTHER'S DAY FOOD DRIVE Upon leaving church this weekend, each family or individual will be given a grocery bag with an attached flyer listing items needed. Please return the bag next weekend. The bags will be delivered to Feed My People and the Seminary Food Bank.

2021 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES will be celebrated on Sunday, May 23, with a breakfast at 9:20am, hosted by the Youth Board, and recognition at the 10:30am service. Graduates, please remember to RSVP to Christina by May 9.

HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE OFFERED next Sunday (Mother's Day) and on May 23.

CONCERTS AT PEACE PRESENTS "CELEBRATE SUMMER!" a concert by the Winds of Peace featuring popular music and music for Memorial Day, Saturday, May 29 at 6:30p.m. on the West Parking Lot. If you play an instrument and would like to join the Winds of Peace for the occasion, please visit www.peacestmusic.org to register.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

P = Pastor

* = Stand

C = Congregation


*Opening Voluntary

LSB 837 Lift High the Cross


Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till




all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris-tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
6 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain




Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com-bine.
As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.
Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

*Invocation

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



C A _____ men

*Introit

Psalm 150

P Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary;

C Praise him in his mighty heavens!

- P** Praise him for his mighty deeds;
C Praise him according to his excellent greatness!
- P** Praise him with trumpet sound;
C Praise him with lute and harp!
- P** Praise him with tambourine and dance;
C Praise him with strings and pipe!
- P** Praise him with sounding cymbals;
C Praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
- P** Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!
C Praise the LORD!

***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**

C A _____ men.

***Gloria Patri**

C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
 as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

*Kyrie

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

*Gloria in Excelsis

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

***Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

G And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray. . .

G A - men.

First Reading

Acts 8:26-40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 John 4:1–21

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but ¹test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In 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. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a

liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

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**

John 15:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

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.

Children's Message

Christina Stackle

Hymn of The Day

LSB 474 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



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



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.



Refrain
Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Sermon

“What is Love?”

(I John 4:7-11)

Anthem

Praise The Lord

G. F. Handel/Hal H. Hopson

Praise the Lord. Let songs of joy break forth, let songs of joy break forth.

Sing alleluia. Praise His name forevermore. Praise the Lord.

*Let songs of joy break forth, let songs of joy break forth.
Sing alleluia. Praise His name forevermore.*

*Shout, sing and dance, come dance and celebrate.
Rejoice; let all within us praise His name.
Shout, sing and dance and celebrate. Come dance and celebrate.
Sing alleluia. Praise His name forevermore.
Shout, sing, let songs of joy break forth.*

*Praise the Lord, O praise Him.
Let songs of joy break forth. Sing alleluia, alleluia.
Praise His name forevermore. Shout, sing, let songs of joy break forth.
Sing for joy. Sing for joy. Rejoice. O praise His name forevermore.*

***Offertory**



C 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.



G A-men, a-men, a - men.

*Hymn to Depart

LSB 465 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
△ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!
with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!



He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



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

*Silent Prayer

Closing Voluntary

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Sem. Andrew Mussell
Liturgist: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson
Organist: 5:00: Alice Kastens; 9:20: Burnell Hackman, DMM; 8:00 & 10:30: Kendra Ruesler
Choir: Chancel Voices
Choir Director: Burnell Hackman, DMM
Sat. Cantor: Rachel Wildman
KFUO 850 AM Broadcaster/Engineer: Dean Seyfert/Jeanette Mattingly
Elders: 5:00: Stephen Kienstra; 8:00: Jeff Akers, Vern Bollman; 9:20: Aaron Baese, Rick Goodman; 10:30: Dave Carlson, Robert Wolff
Ushers: 5:00: Greg Wirtel, Louis Goetz, Brett Santiago, Dr. Joseph Santiago, Ralph Wolters; 8:00: Barry Hammon, Ian Furgeson, Alex Hammon, Josh Hammon, Jack Jeffcott, Chuck Neff, Don Rotty, Michael Suda; 9:20: John Wiesehan, Mark Dowell, Rick Horn, Jim Huettenmeyer, Jim Johnson, Jason Rainey; 10:30: Darrell Ewald, Jeremiah Andrews, Kurt Andrews, David Carlson, Joseph Kreitler, Mike Yaeger

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 2, 2021

Monday, May 3: 7:00 – Woodwind Quartet Rehearsal
Tuesday, May 4: 9:00 – Quilters
9:00 – Plastic Mat Making
7:00 – Life Ministry Virtual Banquet
Wednesday, May 5: 7:00 – Wednesday Bible Study
7:00 – High School Youth
Friday, May 7: 7:00 – Couples Club Board Meeting
Saturday, May 8: 5:00 – Drive-in Worship Service
Sunday, May 9: 8:00/9:20/10:30 – Worship Services