

# Peace Lutheran Church

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

### May 5, 9:00 a.m.



#### **GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME!**

Thank you for joining in Worship today.

Whether you regularly worship here, are here for the first time, or are returning after a time away, your presence here is important for the worship we offer to the glory of God. May your experience of God's love be a blessing in your life.

*Information in italics* | **Congregation responses in bold** | \* indicates please stand as you are able

#### **INTRODUCTION**

*This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.*

#### **Welcome & Announcements to Prepare Us for Worship**

##### **\*Litany of Resurrection**

Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message of hope.

Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed.**

We run to the tomb to see for ourselves. And it is true.

Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed.**

We hear a voice call our name, and we know our risen Lord is with us now and always.

Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Thanks be to God.**



\* *"All Are Welcome"*

ELW 641 vs 1-4

##### **\*Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all... **And also with you.**

\* *"This is the Feast"* ELW p. 140 (front of hymnal)

**REFRAIN:** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God. **REFRAIN**

Power, riches, wisdom and strength,  
and honor, blessing and glory are his. **REFRAIN**

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation.

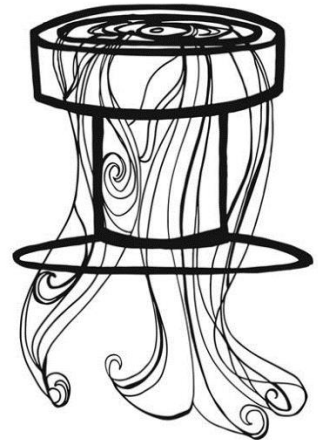
Blessing, honor, glory and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. **REFRAIN**

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

### \*The Prayer of the Day

Let us pray...

**O God, you have prepared for those  
who love you joys beyond understanding.  
Pour into our hearts such love for you that,  
loving you above all things, we may obtain  
your promises, which exceed all we can desire;  
through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.**



### **First Reading: Acts 10:44-48**

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

...the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

...the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### \*Gospel Acclamation

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

### \*Gospel: John 15:9-17

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter...**Glory to you, O Lord.**



[Jesus said:] <sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12c</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

Glory to you, O Lord...**Praise to you, O Christ.**

“Loved People Love People”

*Pastor Grant Quever*



**\*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending**

ELW 678

### **\*APOSTLE’S CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **\*Prayers of Intercession**

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news. (*A brief silence.*)

Each petition ends with: God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Birthdays 5/5-11: Renee Knapton, Buck Steinger

Anniversaries 5/5-11: Chuck & Sandy Strehlow

*We pray for Bev Stobber, Shirley Berndt and Bill Goulding.*



Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

### **\*Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*Share the peace with each other as you are comfortable.*



### **\*Offering Prayer**

Let us pray...**Loving God, you give to us even more than we ask, and much more than we deserve. Help us to show a like generosity in all that we do for you and for other people. May the gifts we give and the lives we live be ways in which you bless others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

### **\*Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you...**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts...**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God...**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

### **\*Preface**

*\* "Holy, Holy, Holy" ELW p. 144 (front of hymnal)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

### **Words of Institution & Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

*\* "Lamb of God" ELW p. 146 (front of hymnal)*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace.

## Invitation to Communion

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table. (*Please come forward and surround the altar.*)

\* "Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise" ELW 207



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - jice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

## Post-Communion Prayer

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend...**Amen.**

## \*Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope bless you now and always. **Amen.**



\* "Here I Am, Lord"

ELW 574

## Announcements for the Good of All

**Offering** – please place your gifts in the baskets in the back of the Sanctuary.

**\*Dismissal** - Grow in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## **Peace Lutheran Announcements**

*Pastor Grant Quever – Phone: (262) 332-9300, Email: gquever@wi.rr.com*

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*Attendance for Sunday, April 28, 2024 – 19 confirmed, 1 virtual*

*General Offerings for Sunday, April 28, 2024 - \$1,780.00*

**Save the Date...** You are invited to the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Women of Peace Pot-Luck Salad Supper, Wednesday May 15<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m., in the Peace fellowship hall. Bring a salad to pass and bring a friend to enjoy an evening of good food and fellowship. Our speaker for the evening will be from the Burlington Historical Society. So that we can adequately plan, a sign-up sheet will be posted in the narthex.

**Peace Lutheran Yard Signs & Door Hangers...** Promote Peace Lutheran Church by displaying a sign in your yard or distributing door hangers in your neighborhood. Items available at church - see a council member.

**Peaceful Pitstop...** Please consider serving in the hospitality tent at the Burlington Jamboree, which runs the 4 days of Memorial Day weekend (May 24-27). More information can be found in the May Peacepipe. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Thank you!

**Congregational Meeting...** The Annual Congregational meeting for Peace Lutheran Church will be held on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 a.m. The agenda of the meeting will be a review of council member's annual reports, election of council members for 2024-2025, and ratification of the church constitution revisions that were approved at the February 4, 2024 meeting.

**Joys and Concerns...** If you have any joys and concerns you would like to add to our prayers during worship today, please fill out a 3x5 card found in the Narthex under the bulletin board and hand it to a council member before the service.

**Coffee Fellowship...** Please join us for coffee and fellowship after worship. Sit, relax, and chat together! The sign-up sheet to host is posted in the Narthex.

**Growing Relationships...** Please contact Renee Knapton by phone (262-492-0718) or by e-mail at [reneeknapton@gmail.com](mailto:reneeknapton@gmail.com) with any joys, sorrows, prayer requests, etc. that you wish shared with fellow members.

**Peace Lights and Peacepipe Deadline Dates...** Please have all information and/or articles emailed to [peacelca@gmail.com](mailto:peacelca@gmail.com) by the following dates and times:

- ❖ Peace Lights information for the bulletin emailed by Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m.
- ❖ Peacepipe articles for April are due the third Saturday of the month

**TLC Giving Baskets...** The TLC Giving Baskets requests for May and June are more healthy snacks for kids (school will be out), garbage bags, dish soap, and laundry soap.