

# PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 5, 2024

## WELCOME!

We love that you are here today! Our service is printed for you in this worship folder. Or you can follow the projections on the front wall.

**Restrooms** are located in the hallway to the right as you exit the worship space, as well as across the hall as you enter into the school.

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A **Connection Card** and pen are found in the pocket of the chair in front of you. Time will be provided to fill it out during the service. You may drop it in the wicker basket along the wall after the service.

## NEW MISSION STATEMENT REVEAL – “NURTURE”

*“Peace Lutheran Ministries cultivates and nurtures faith to flourish in the peace of Christ.”*

Last Sunday, today and next Sunday we are revealing / explaining the new mission statement of Peace Lutheran Ministries. It is a single mission statement with three distinct emphases. Today’s emphasis is “nurture.” This word aims in particular at our elementary school ministry.

## SPECIAL PRESENTATION BETWEEN SERVICES

Last week we focused on the Early Childhood Ministry of Peace. At the end of today’s service there will be a special presentation about our ECM. We will also hear the Buds and Blooms (3 & 4 yr olds) sing during the 10:30 service.

Please also join us in the Stage Room for refreshments served by our Early Childhood Board and a walk thru of the Early Childhood wing of our building.

## AS YOU PREPARE FOR WORSHIP THIS MORNING

You may wish to review what Baptism is and what it does by looking at page 291 of the blue hymnal. Baptism is the beginning and ongoing way by which we cultivate and nurture faith in the peace of Christ.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider ..... Rev. Luke C. Werre  
Sermon ..... Rev. Shaun Arndt  
Accompanist ..... Mrs. Lynn Proeber  
Buds and Blooms ..... Mrs. Crystal Denson, Mrs. Mandy Edwards  
Projection Slides ..... Dan Larson

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# Order of Service

## “Mission Statement Reveal: Nurture”

EARLY CHILDHOOD BUDS & BLOOMS (10:30 Service)

### OPENING HYMN

*We All Are One in Mission* | CW93 566



1 We all are one in mis - sion; We all are one in  
 2 We all are called to ser - vice, To wit - ness in God's  
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, And let our song be



call, Our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed By Christ, the  
 name. Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; Our pur - pose  
 heard; Now let us be a ves - sel For God's re -



Lord of all. A sin - gle great com - mis - sion  
 is the same: To touch the lives of oth - ers  
 deem - ing Word. We all are one in mis - sion;



Com - pels us from a - bove To plan and work  
 With God's sur - pris - ing grace, So ev - 'ry folk  
 We all are one in call, Our var - ied gifts



to - geth - er That all may know Christ's love.  
 and na - tion May feel God's warm em - brace.  
 u - nit - ed By Christ, the Lord of all.

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Please stand

## INVOCATION

In the Name of the Father and of the ☩Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## OPENING DIALOGUE (Confession and Absolution)

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

He makes grass grow for the cattle,

**and plants that people use to produce food from the earth.** (*Psalm 104:1, 14*)

All of us have become like something unclean,

**and all our righteous acts are like a filthy cloth.**

All of us have withered like a leaf,

**and our guilt carries us away like the wind.** (*Isaiah 64:6*)

God be merciful to me,

**a sinner!** (*Luke 18:13*)

The people are grass. Grass withers, flowers fade,

**but the word of the Lord endures forever.** (*Isaiah 40: 8, 1 Peter 1:25*)

Listen, the days are coming, declares the Lord,

**when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,**

In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will dwell securely.

**This is his name by which he will be called: The Lord Our Righteousness.**

(*Jeremiah 23:5-7*)

In the Name and by the command of Jesus Christ, the Lord Our Righteousness, who gave His life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world: I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

To him be the glory, both now and forever. Amen. (2 Peter 3:18)

SONG OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast | CW 938



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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



1    2    3    4    5  
Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *v. 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia! *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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

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# The Word

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, nurture in us an increase of faith, hope and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## FIRST READING

*Ecclesiastes 12:1-7*

So remember your Creator in the days of your youth,  
before the bad days come and the years arrive when you will say, "I have no delight in them,"  
<sup>2</sup>before the sun and the light of the moon and the stars are darkened,  
before the clouds return after the rain,  
<sup>3</sup>before the day when the watchmen of the house tremble,  
and the strong men are bent over,  
and the women who grind grain cease because they are few,  
and those watching through the windows can barely see.  
<sup>4</sup>Then the double doors to the street are shut, as the grinding of the mill grows quiet.  
A person wakes up at the sound of a bird,  
but all the sounds of music are muffled.  
<sup>5</sup>Then they fear heights and terrors along the road.  
The almond blossoms become white.  
The grasshopper drags himself along,  
and the caperberry has no effect.  
Why? Because the man is heading to his eternal home.  
Then the wailing mourners will go around in the street.  
<sup>6</sup>Remember your Creator  
before the silver cord is snapped,  
and the golden bowl is broken,  
before the jar is shattered by the spring,  
and the waterwheel is broken by the well,

<sup>7</sup>and the dust goes back into the ground—just as it was before,  
and the spirit goes back to God who gave it.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM OF THE DAY**

*Psalm 92B*



1 Make mu - sic to the LORD Most High, whose praise is our de -  
2 The god - less mind will nev - er know, be - cause its sense is  
3 But like the ce - dar and the palm, the right - eous stand se -



light: we sing your love as day be - gins, your  
void, that though the wick - ed spread like grass, they  
rene; they flour - ish in the house of God, their



faith - ful - ness by night. LORD, when we see all you have  
all shall be de - stroyed. For - ev - er, LORD, you are su -  
leaves are fresh and green. To fruit - ful age they still pro -



done, our songs of joy re - sound: your hand - i -  
preme, your throne re - mains on high, while reb - els  
claim the LORD who makes them new— our God, in



work, how vast it is, your coun - sels, how pro - found!  
meet e - ter - nal doom and e - vil - do - ers die.  
whom no wrong is found, my rock, for - ev - er true.

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## SECOND READING

## *Colossians 2:6-12*

<sup>6</sup>Therefore, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to walk in him, <sup>7</sup>by being rooted and built up in him, and strengthened in the faith just as you were taught, while you overflow in faith with thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, which are in accord with human tradition, namely, the basic principles of the world, but not in accord with Christ. <sup>9</sup>For all the fullness of God's being dwells bodily in Christ. <sup>10</sup>And you have been brought to fullness in him. Christ is the head over every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup>You were also circumcised in him, with a circumcision not done by human hands, in the putting off of the body of flesh, in the circumcision of Christ, <sup>12</sup>when you were buried with Christ in baptism. And in baptism you were also raised with him through the faith worked by the God who raised Christ from the dead.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## GOSPEL

## *Luke 2:39-52*

<sup>39</sup>When they had accomplished everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town, Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>The child grew and became strong. He was filled with wisdom, and God's favor was on him.

<sup>41</sup>Every year his parents traveled to Jerusalem for the Passover Festival. <sup>42</sup>When he was twelve years old, they went up according to the custom of the Festival. <sup>43</sup>When the days had ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it. <sup>44</sup>Since they thought he was in their group, they went a day's journey. Then they began to look for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup>When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him.

<sup>46</sup>After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup>And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup>When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us this way? See, your father and I have been anxiously looking for you."

<sup>49</sup>He said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be taking care of my Father's business?" <sup>50</sup>They did not understand what he was telling them.



<sup>51</sup>He went down with them and came to Nazareth. He was always obedient to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup>Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and with people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Lord Jesus Christ, the Children's Friend | CW 910*

## **SERMON**

***Our Mission: To Nurture***

*Please stand*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From there 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.**

*Please be seated*

## **MUSICAL OFFERING**

*We take a moment to meditate on the sermon and sign Connection Cards.*

*There is an offering plate by the doors of the worship space.*

*Giving our offerings for the work of Christ's Church is an act of worship – a way of expressing His worth to us.*

*Please stand*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Lord Jesus, you have given to your Church on earth the Great Commission to go and make disciples of all nations by baptizing and teaching in your name. Give us the grace to continue to baptize and teach in your name here at Peace. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Holy Spirit of God, while we still have eyesight and hearing, while we still have mobility and energy, while we still maintain sharpness of mind, before old age has dulled our senses and depleted our capacity for absorbing your truth, move us to be diligent students of your Word. Prompt us to make full use of your Sacraments. Sanctify us so that your truth may be deeply rooted in our hearts and make our lives abundant with fruits of faith. Let your very real promises shine with clarity in our thoughts to the very end. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Father in heaven, today we especially pray for our grade school children, our teenagers and our college students. Keep them in your grace. Protect them from the world's influences. Prosper them in their studies. Guide them with your Word. Surround them with loving support. Nurture them into maturity of faith and lives of grateful service. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

*Prayers of intercession*

Triune God, all these things we ask, confident that you have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. We also join to pray in Jesus' name...

## 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.**

**Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## HYMN

*Cling Tightly to the Word of God | CW 707*

*Please stand*

## PRAYER

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

*On What Has Now Been Sown* | CW 925



1 On what has now been sown your bless - ing, Lord, be -  
2 To you our wants are known; from you are all our  
3 O grant that each of us now met be - fore you



stow; the pow'r is yours a - lone to make it  
pow'rs. Ac - cept what is your own and par - don  
here may meet to - geth - er thus when you and



spring and grow. O Lord, in grace the har - vest  
what is ours. Our prais - es, Lord, and prayers re -  
yours ap - pear and fol - low you to heav'n, our



raise and you a - lone shall have the praise!  
ceive and to your Word a bless - ing give.  
home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

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Join us between services in the Stage Room for refreshments served by our Early Childhood Board and staff and also a walk-thru of the Early Childhood wing of our building.

## ONE MORE SUNDAY

For one more Sunday we will continue our mission statement reveal. The emphasis for next Sunday is “Flourish.”

## NEW HYMNS OF THE SERVICE

The hymn “This is the Feast” (CW#938) is being sung as a response to the absolution in place of the normal *Gloria in Excelsis* (“Glory Be to God on High”). It is an Easter hymn because we are still in the Season of Easter until May 12.

The hymn “Cling Tightly to the Word of God” (CW#707) serves as the post-sermon hymn. The words were written by Stephen Starke, an LCMS pastor who is still living and has written 175 hymns. When he was a boy he often sat in the pew reading through the hymns in the hymnal before the Sunday service began.

The music was composed by Amanda Husberg who died in 2021. She had majored in organ music in college and later earned a Masters in Early Childhood Education. For 36 years she was the director of a daycare in New York City and also served as director of music at Saint John the Evangelist Lutheran Church for 50 years. In 2000 she received the “Servant of Christ” award for her contributions to church music, in particular hymns and congregational singing.

## NEW MISSION STATEMENT

*“Peace Lutheran Ministries  
cultivates and nurtures faith  
to flourish in the peace of Christ.”*

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