

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 3, 2026

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.

Quiet room Parents may use the library in the back of this worship space which still enables you to hear/see the service.

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.

THEME: EASTER 5 – EASTER CHANGES EVERYTHING: STUMBLING TO SOLID GROUND

Everyone can point to a life-changing event in their lives. How about one that took place about 2000 years ago, but completely turns things around for us today? Such was the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Emboldened by the resurrection, the same Peter who stumbled by denying the Lord Jesus in a moment of crisis, now proclaims Him as the only way of salvation before the religious rulers. In his epistle Peter notes that though Christ is a “stumbling block” to many, He is the solid cornerstone of our salvation. When the disciples together stumbled in their recognition of Jesus’ divinity, Jesus set them on the solid footing of truth by explaining, “Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.” Easter changes stumbling to solid ground!

PLEASE STAY FOR A PRESENTATION BETWEEN SERVICES

We are grateful to have the children from our Early Childhood Center sing and recite during the 10:30 service! Between services there will be a presentation & update about our early childhood ministry at Peace. This is OUR ministry TOGETHER! Let’s be informed about it.

You may wish to prepare for worship by using the prayers on pages 255-258 of the blue hymnal.

WORSHIP NOTES

1) We follow a yearly series of Scripture readings called a **lectionary** (See the blue hymnal, beginning on page X in the front). Since the lectionary is based on the Christian Church Year, it follows closely the redemptive work of Jesus for our salvation. Notice, for example, the progression in these Sundays of Easter:

- Easter Sunday – the resurrection of Christ.
- Easter 2 – The risen Jesus appears to doubting Thomas
- Easter 3 – The risen Jesus appears to the Emmaus disciples
- Easter 4 – The Good Shepherd gives his life for the sheep, only to take it up again.
- Today – By his death & resurrection Jesus is the only way of salvation.

We could be a topic-driven, series-driven, or event-driven church, but then the temptation would be to focus on what we think is important in our lives and the redemptive work of Christ *for* us would be diminished. In practical terms, and at its worst, preaching could be reduced to self-help, psycho-therapeutic, or legalistic pontificating and the atoning sacrifice of Christ for our sins would take a back seat.

The lectionary is not commanded in the Bible. It is a human tool we choose to follow to help keep Christ’s redemptive work as the beating heart of our message.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider Rev. Jordan Ertl
Accompanist Mrs. Jennifer Werre
Ensemble..... Luke Werre, Debbie Hatfield, Steven Gustafson, Lisa Schoenherr
Buds & Blooms Teachers..... Mrs. Michelle Chesterman, Mrs. Mandy Edwards,
Mrs. Candice Learman; Mrs. Cathy Gresens – accompanist
Projection Slides Brittany Kuehl

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MORNING PRAISE¹²

Please stand

L O Lord, o-pen my lips.

C And my mouth shall de-clare your praise.

L Hasten to save me, O God.

C O Lord, come quickly to help me.

L Give glory to God, our light and our life.

C Come, oh, come, let us wor - ship.

¹ This service is a contemporary setting of an ancient service called Matins (from a Latin word *matutinus* meaning “of the morning”).

² “O Lord, open my lips...” is from Psalm 51; “Hasten to save me, O God...” is from Psalm 70.

COME, OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD

The congregation will sing the refrain. The presider will sing the verses.



Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,



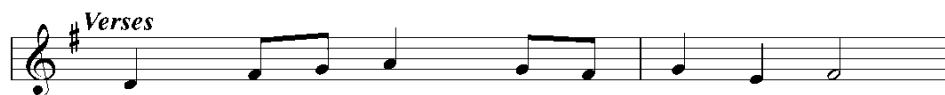
let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;



come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,



come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.



1. You are a great and a won - drous God,
2. Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,



cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.
kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.



You made the hills and the moun - tains high,
You are the God whom we call our own,



you made the seas and the dry land.
we are the flock that you shep - herd.

Please be seated

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 63

The congregation will sing the refrain. The presider will sing the verses.



In the morn-ing I will sing, I will
sing glad songs to you, I will sing glad songs of praise to
you. I will sing glad songs of praise to you.

*O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.
So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory.*

Refrain

*For your love is better than life. My lips will speak your praise.
So I will bless you all my life. In your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet; my mouth shall praise you with joy.*

Refrain

*On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night, for you have been my
help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.*

Refrain

FIRST LESSON

Acts 4:8-12

⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders of Israel, ⁹if we are being questioned today for a kind act that was done for the lame man, as to how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead! By him this man stands before you healed. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you builders, which has become the cornerstone.

¹²"There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

10:30 SERVICE - EARLY CHILDHOOD BUDS & BLOOMS

God Loves Me Dearly

God loves me dearly, gives me salvation, God loves me dearly, loves even me.
Therefore I say again, God loves me dearly, God loves me dearly, loves even me.

Jesus, my Savior, himself did offer; Jesus, my savior, paid all I owed.
Therefore I say again, God loves me dearly, God loves me dearly, loves even me.

John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world and he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

I Am Trusting You Lord Jesus

I am trusting you, Lord Jesus; never let me fall. I am trusting you forever and for all.

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 2:4-10

⁴As you come to him, the Living Stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious, ⁵you also, like living stones, are being built as a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, in order to bring spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it says in Scripture:

See, I lay a stone in Zion,
a chosen and precious cornerstone,
and the one who believes in him will certainly not be put to shame.

⁷Therefore, for you who believe, this is an honor. But for those who do not believe:

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,

⁸and,
a stone over which they stumble
and a rock over which they fall.

Because they continue to disobey the word, they stumble over it. And that is the consequence appointed for them.

⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, the people who are God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰At one time you were not a people, but now you are the people of God. At one time you were not shown mercy, but now you have been shown mercy.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCCLAMATION

Alleluia. See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone,

And the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame. Alleluia. (1Pe 2:6)

GOSPEL

John 14:1-11

¹“Do not let your heart be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to be with me, so that you may also be where I am. ⁴You know where I am going, and you know the way.”

⁵“Lord, we don't know where you are going,” Thomas replied, “so how can we know the way?”

⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except through me. ⁷If you know me, you would also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸“Lord,” said Philip, “show us the Father, and that is enough for us.”

⁹“Have I been with you so long,” Jesus answered, “and you still do not know me, Philip? The one who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I am telling you I am not speaking on my own, but the Father who remains in me is doing his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father is in me. Or else believe because of the works themselves.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled | CW 809

A vocalist will sing the verses. The congregation will sing the refrain.

Refrain

Do not let your hearts be trou-bled; have faith in God and faith in
me. I will go forth to pre-pare a place for you; then I'll come
back to take you with me, that where I am, you may al - so be.

Verse

1 In God's house there are man - y plac - es for you to
dwell in peace and safe - ty. You know the way to where I'll lead
you; if you are lost, I will show the way.

Refrain

Verse

2 I am the way, the truth, and the life; on - ly through
me can you know what I know. If you knew me, you would

Refrain

know the Fa - ther; if you see me, you see your God.

Verse

3 The words I speak are not on - ly of my-self; it is your

God who lives with - in me. If you be - lieve that your

Refrain

God and I are one, I will pro - vide when you call my name.

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SERMON

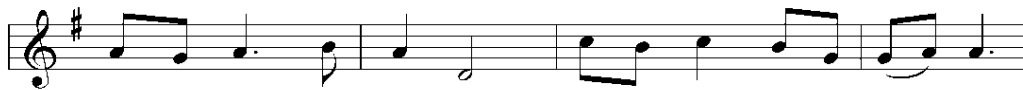
John 14:1-7

Know Jesus, No Trouble

Please stand

YOU ARE GOD; WE PRAISE YOU³

The congregation will sing the refrain and the words in bold italics.



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.

With the angels in heaven, ***We praise you, we praise you!***
With the cherubim and seraphim, ***We praise you, we praise you!***
With apostles and prophets, ***We praise you, we praise you!***
With the martyrs and your holy Church, ***We sing in endless praise!***

Refrain

Creator of all things, ***We praise you, we praise you!***
O Jesus Christ, the Son of God, ***We praise you, we praise you!***
O Spirit, most holy, ***We praise you, we praise you!***
To the Trinity most blessed, ***We sing in endless praise!***

Refrain

O Christ, King of glory, ***We praise you, we praise you!***
You became a man to set us free; ***We praise you, we praise you!***
You have risen to free us; ***We praise you, we praise you!***
And with all your saints in glory, ***We sing in endless praise!***

Refrain (Last phrase 3X)

³ This song is a contemporary setting of an ancient creed called the *Te Deum*. Throughout Church history, the Creed (any creed) was typically sung more often than spoken. The *Te Deum* speaks of the Trinity and also Christ's work of redemption.

Please be seated

MUSICAL OFFERING

A musical offering follows—for meditating on the sermon and signing Connection Cards.

Offering plates are by the doors. Members of Peace have committed themselves to supporting the ministry of this congregation financially as a faith-expression of thankfulness to God. Our guests are not expected to participate in this offering.

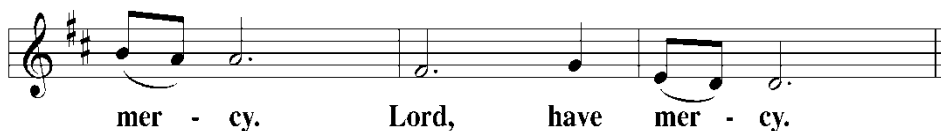
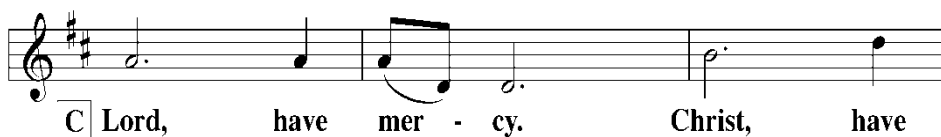
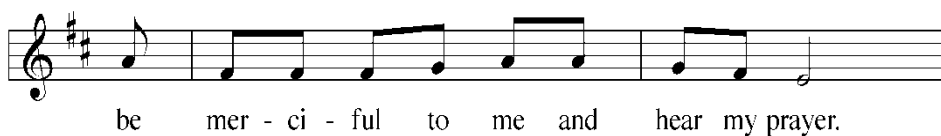


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*Everything comes from you,
and we have given you only what comes from your hand. (1 Ch 29:14)*

Please stand

LORD, HAVE MERCY



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.**

PRAYER FOR GRACE

M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.



L Let us praise the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.


BLESSING



L The Lord bless and keep you.




C A - men.



L The Lord's face ev - er shine up - on you.



C A - men.



L The Lord grant you peace for all your days.



C A - men.

Please be seated

CLOSING HYMN

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