

# WELCOME

PEACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH – APRIL 16, 2023

## MEET US

Our family is loved by Christ and we love each other. We hold firmly to God's Word of truth, which convicts us of our sin and comforts us with God's forgiveness in Christ. We embrace the rich heritage of hymns and liturgy that has guided the worship of the Church for generations. We are passionate about Christian education, wanting young and old to grow in their knowledge of God's Word. As a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS), we enjoy fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS).

## TODAY'S WORSHIP

Our three lessons for today lay before us the object of our hope: the risen Lord. Through faith in him who has proven himself to be both our Lord and God, we look beyond the troubles of this world to the glories of the next. In our sermon text, we will consider how Christ's Easter victory isn't just something we believe, but also something that influences our daily lives.

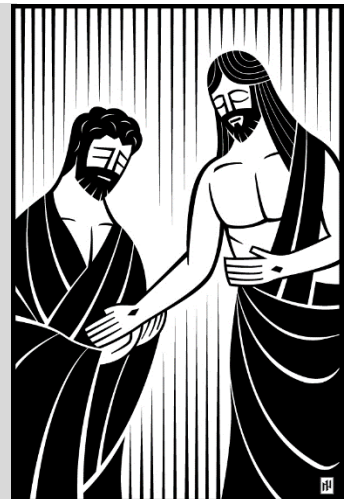
## VISITOR INFORMATION

**Restrooms** are located to the right as you leave the sanctuary and are equipped with child changing tables.

**Parent Room** is located on the left as you exit the sanctuary doors. This room is equipped with a livestream of the service.

**For the hearing impaired**, an induction loop is provided. Just switch your hearing aid to "T".

**For other special needs or questions**, our ushers are here to assist you. Don't hesitate to ask.



# DIVINE SERVICE RITE 2

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## WE COME BEFORE THE LORD

### HYMN

Ye Sons and Daughters of the King | ELH 366:1, 4-8

### INVOCATION

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

A - - men.

Musical notation for the invocation 'A - - men.' consisting of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a G4 note, a G4 note with a sharp sign, and a G4 note. The bass staff has a G3 note, a G3 note, and a G3 note. The lyrics 'A - - men.' are written below the treble staff.

### CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Who made heav'n and earth.

Musical notation for the confession 'Who made heav'n and earth.' consisting of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a G4 note, a G4 note, a G4 note, and a G4 note. The bass staff has a G3 note, a G3 note, a G3 note, and a G3 note. The lyrics 'Who made heav'n and earth.' are written below the treble staff.

I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord;

And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Musical notation for the confession 'And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.' consisting of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a G4 note, a G4 note, a G4 note, a G4 note, a G4 note, and a G4 note. The bass staff has a G3 note, a G3 note, a G3 note, a G3 note, a G3 note, and a G3 note. The lyrics 'And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.' are written below the treble staff.

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only-begotten Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.

**Grant this unto us, O Lord. Amen.**

### KYRIE ELEISON (LORD, HAVE MERCY)

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

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

### HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast | ELH 359:1-2

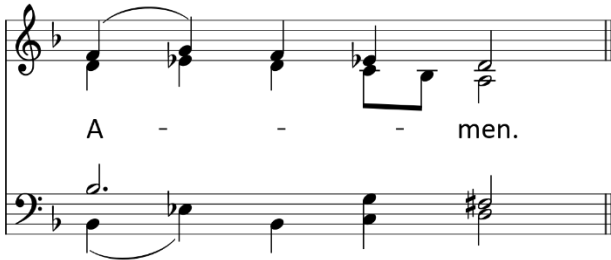
### SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And with your spir - it.

## PRAYER

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

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### FIRST READING      The Resurrection Confirms Jesus is the Son of David | Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them:...<sup>22</sup> “Men of Israel, hear these words! Jesus the Nazarene was a man recommended to you by God with miracles, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know.<sup>23</sup> This man, who was handed over by God’s set plan and foreknowledge, you killed by having lawless men nail him to a cross.<sup>24</sup> He is the one God raised up by freeing him from the agony of death, because death was not able to hold him in its grip.<sup>25</sup> “Indeed, David says concerning him: I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.<sup>26</sup> Therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced. My flesh also will rest in hope,<sup>27</sup> because you will not abandon my life to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay.<sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the paths of life. You will fill me with joy in your presence.<sup>29</sup> “Gentlemen, brothers, I can speak confidently to you about the patriarch David, that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.<sup>30</sup> Since he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn to him with an oath that he would seat one of his descendants on his throne,<sup>31</sup> he saw what was coming and spoke about the resurrection of Christ, saying that he was neither abandoned to the grave nor did his flesh see decay.<sup>32</sup> “This Jesus is the one God has raised up. We are all witnesses of that.

## 8:15 - MOUNT OLIVE SCHOOL CHOIR

1. I am Jesus' little lamb,  
Ever glad at heart I am,  
For my Shepherd gently guides me,  
Knows my need, and well provides me,  
Loves me ev'ry day the same,  
Even calls me by my name.

2. Day by day, at home, away,  
Jesus is my Staff and Stay.  
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,  
Into pleasant pastures leads me;  
When I thirst, He bids me go  
Where the quiet waters flow.

## 8:15 - MOUNT OLIVE SCHOOL CHOIR

1. Let us ever walk with Jesus,  
Follow His example pure,  
Flee the world, which would deceive us  
And to sin our souls allure.  
Ever in His footsteps treading,  
Body here, yet soul above,  
Full of faith and hope and love,  
Let us do the Father's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, abide with me;  
Savior, lead, I follow Thee.

2. Let us suffer here with Jesus,  
To His image e'er conform;  
Heaven's glory soon will please us,  
Sunshine follow on the storm.  
Though we sow in tears of sorrow,  
We shall reap with heav'nly joy;  
And the fears that now annoy  
Shall be laughter on the morrow.  
Christ, I suffer here with Thee;  
There, O share Thy joy with me!

## I am Jesus' Little Lamb | ELH 177

3. Who so happy as I am,  
Even now the Shepherd's lamb?  
And when my short life is ended,  
By His angel host attended,  
He shall fold me to His breast,  
There within His arms to rest.

## Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus | ELH 236

**3. Let us also die with Jesus.  
His death from the second death,  
From our soul's destruction, frees us,  
Quickens us with life's glad breath.  
Let us mortify, while living,  
Flesh and blood and die to sin;  
And the grave that shuts us in  
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.  
Jesus, here I die to Thee  
There to live eternally.**

**4. Let us gladly live with Jesus;  
Since He's risen from the dead,  
Death and grave must soon release us.  
Jesus, Thou art now our Head,  
We are truly Thine own members;  
Where Thou livest, there live we.  
Take and own us constantly,  
Faithful Friend, as Thy dear brethren.  
Jesus, here I live to Thee,  
Also there eternally.**

## SECOND READING

We Have a New Birth into a Living Hope | 1 Peter 3:1-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he gave us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,<sup>4</sup> into an inheritance that is undying, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.<sup>5</sup> Through faith you are being protected by God's power for the salvation that is ready to be revealed at the end of time.<sup>6</sup> Because of this you rejoice very much, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various kinds of trials<sup>7</sup> so that the proven character of your faith—which is more valuable than gold, which passes away even though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise, glory, and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

<sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not see him now, yet by believing in him, you are filled with a joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,<sup>9</sup> because you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Alleluia. John 20:29

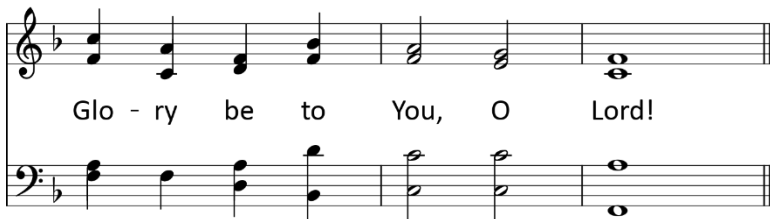
## RESPONSE



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

## GOSPEL READING

Jesus Reveals Himself Alive to His Disciples | John 20:19-31



Glo - ry be to You, O Lord!

On the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were together behind locked doors because of their fear of the Jews. Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, "Peace be with you!"<sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. So the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you! Just as the Father has sent me, I am also sending you."<sup>22</sup> After saying this, he breathed on

them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit <sup>23</sup> Whenever you forgive people’s sins, they are forgiven. Whenever you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” <sup>24</sup> But Thomas, one of the Twelve, the one called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples kept telling him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, and put my finger into the mark of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will never believe.” <sup>26</sup> After eight days, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them. “Peace be with you,” he said. <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and look at my hands. Take your hand and put it into my side. Do not continue to doubt, but believe.” <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” <sup>30</sup> Jesus, in the presence of his disciples, did many other miraculous signs that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.



**APOSTLES’ CREED**

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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From there He shall 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 SERMON**

**HYMN**

Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice | ELH 378:1-5

**SERMON**

Beat Your Chest in Confession | Luke 18:9-14

1. Admit that you are a sinner.
2. Profess that you are a saint.

“Jesus told this parable to certain people who trusted in themselves (that they were righteous) and looked down on others: <sup>10</sup> “Two men went up to the temple courts to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a tax collector. <sup>11</sup> The Pharisee stood and prayed about himself like this: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people, robbers, evildoers, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week. I give a tenth of all my income.’ <sup>13</sup> “However the tax collector stood at a distance and would not even lift his eyes up to heaven, but was beating his chest and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ <sup>14</sup> “I tell you, this man went home justified rather than the other, because everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

## WE GIVE THANKS

### OFFERTORY VERSE

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 Your  
pres - ence, and take not Your Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Your sal - va -

tion, and up - hold me with Your free Spir-it. A - men.

## OFFERING & FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH - EASTER

O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, You fulfilled Your promises by the resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

**Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

In Your compassion You sent Christ, Good Shepherd, who laid down His life to rescue the lost.

**Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in Your glorious triumph.**

Lift our eyes heavenward to see Him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of His power. Keep before us the vision of Your redeemed people standing before Your throne and singing the song of victory:

**Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.**

Make us instruments of Your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that You have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

**Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for You.**

Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of Your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

Gracious Father, You have restored to us the joy of Your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before You and say:

**Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, Hal - low - ed be Thy name,  
Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en.  
Give us this day our dai - ly bread; And for - give us our tres - pass - es,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us;  
And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, But de - liv - er us from e - vil.  
For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r  
and the glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er.  
A - - - - men.

## PRAYER

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and take them to heart, that by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

A - - - men.

**BENEDICTION**

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.

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

**HYMN**

Death is Dead, the True Life Giveth | ELH 346

**WE THANK THOSE WHO SERVE**

Mount Olive School Choir

Kari Sehloff | Choir Director  
Anita Krienke | Accompanist

Flutes

Taryn Gunderson, Adelyn Harstad, Lilli Olsen  
Mariah Munsen, Joni Moldstad, Elsa Schrader

Pianist

Lexi Fosburg

Ushers

Tom Hunter & Derek Harstad | 8:15

John Stadler, Brian Tiegs & Alex Barnett | 10:30

Refreshments

Group 4

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### SUNDAY

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| Divine Service   | 8:15am  |
| Bible Story Time | 9:15am  |
| Sunday School    | 9:30am  |
| Bible Class      | 9:30am  |
| Divine Service   | 10:30am |

### MONDAY

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| Pastor's Winkel | 9:30am |
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### TUESDAY

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| Solid Grounds     | 9:00am |
| Maintenance Board | 6:00pm |

### WEDNESDAY

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| Confirmation Class | 4:00pm |
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### THURSDAY

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| M.O.M.s Bible Study | 8:30am |
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### FRIDAY

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| Men's Bible Study | 6:30am |
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### SATURDAY

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| Volunteer Day at New 2 You | 9:00am |
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## NEWS & NOTES

For more detailed information concerning our news & notes, visit [peacemankato.com/news](http://peacemankato.com/news)

### CONFIRMATION DATES

Examination of confirmation students will be on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:00pm. The Rite of Confirmation will be on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, at the 10:30am service.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 12-15 | 9-11:30am

If you are interested in helping, please email Missy Vandermause ([missy@galleriavid.com](mailto:missy@galleriavid.com))

### YOUTH EVENT AT PEACE April 23 | 6-8pm

Next Sunday the youth will gather here at church for a fire, supper, games, and some time in God's Word from 6-8p. Feel free to bring a friend!

### MUSIC COORDINATOR NEEDED

Katie Hartwig, who has served as our Music Coordinator at Peace for many years, is stepping down from her position at the end of April. We are looking to hire an individual for this vacant position. If you are interested, please contact us by emailing [office@peacemankato.com](mailto:office@peacemankato.com) or by calling 507-385-1386. We thank Katie for all she has done to beautify our worship at Peace.

## PEACE BINGO NIGHT- APR 28 at 6PM

We'll provide the main course, and we ask that you bring a side dish to share. We need prize donations! We are looking for donations of gift cards, new items, Dollar Tree items, etc....Items to donate, please drop them off in the church office by April 26th. If you are willing to help grill, hand out prizes, and serve in the kitchen. Please contact Joni Moldstad at [Joni.Moldstad@blc.edu](mailto:Joni.Moldstad@blc.edu) if you can help!

## BLC HONOR CHOIR 6/17-6/21

High school aged youth. Registration is open from March 15 – June 1. Cost: \$225 at Bethany Lutheran College. Register online at [els.org/honorchoir](http://els.org/honorchoir)

## MT. OLIVE SCHOOL PRESENTATION

On Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30am, Jordan Smith will be giving a presentation from the Mt. Olive School Phased Growth Committee concerning future plans.

## JESUS' LAMBS AT PEACE PRE-K

2-, 3- or 5-day sessions Ages 3-5  
Director: Joslyn Moldstad 507-385-7752  
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