

WELCOME

PEACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH – APRIL 17, 2022

8:15AM

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

Like the women, we have traveled along with Jesus through His Passion and watched as He was laid in the tomb. But the final trip to the tomb doesn't reveal the finality of death; it reveals the finality *for* death. What a change! No doubt Peter was confused. Death has been swallowed up in victory; Christ has risen just as He said! Death no longer has mastery over us. Easter means that death ends in life!

VISITOR INFORMATION

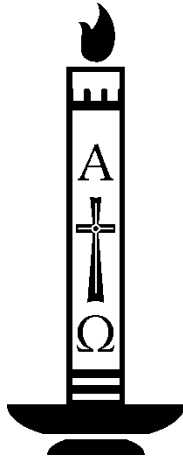
Restrooms are located to the right as you leave the sanctuary and are equipped with child changing tables.

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.





EXPLANATION OF EASTER AND THE PASCHAL CANDLE

We are so pleased that you have come to worship with us on this very special day. Easter is the sacred celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead. It is the oldest and holiest Christian festival, the climax and center of the liturgical year, and the holy day to which all other holy days point. Christians commemorate Easter with tremendous joy and thanksgiving.

On Easter Sunday, and throughout the Easter Season, we light the Paschal Candle as a reminder of Christ's resurrection victory over the darkness of sin and death. It emphasizes the presence of the resurrected Christ. "Paschal" comes from the Greek, *pascha*. Before the time of Christ, this word was used for Passover; after Christ, Christians took to using the word when referring to the Festival of the Resurrection. Throughout the fifty days of Easter, the Paschal Candle traditionally stands near or in front of the altar as a symbol of resurrection. It is lighted for each service and is traditionally extinguished after the reading of the Gospel on Ascension Sunday. The Paschal Candle is of substantial size, to reflect its importance.

DIVINE SERVICE

SPECIAL RITE FOR
EASTER FESTIVAL

WE COME BEFORE THE LORD

PRELUDE

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won! | Leopold

EASTER GREETING

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed.¹

Why do you look for the living among the dead?

He is not here. He has risen, just as He said.

Alleluia! Death has been swallowed up in victory!

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

The sting of death is sin and the power of sin is the Law,

But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

HYMN

Like the Golden Sun Ascending | ELH 354:1-3, 10

INVOCATION

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

Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Lord of all, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, You should cast me away from Your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

¹ This is also known as the paschal greeting. For centuries, Christians have used this greeting during the 50 days of Easter. When the Pastor says, in the service or sermon, "Christ is risen", the congregation responds, "He is risen indeed!" Please follow this tradition during the service this morning.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In His great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through His called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

ENSEMBLE HYMN It was Finished Upon That Cross | Thompson, Hendroff, & Robinson
Please join for the verses in bold

How I love the voice of Jesus
On the cross of Calvary
He declares His work is finished
He has spoken this hope to me
Though the sun had ceased its shining
Though the war appeared as lost
Christ had triumphed over evil
It was finished upon that cross

**Now the curse it has been broken
Jesus paid the price for me
Full, the pardon He has offered
Great, the welcome that I receive
Boldly I approach my Father
Clothed in Jesus' righteousness
There is no more guilt to carry
It was finished upon that cross**

Death was once my great opponent
Fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us
Rose that we would be free indeed!

**Death was once my great opponent
Fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us
Rose that we would be free indeed! (Yes, He rose that we would be free indeed!)
Free from every plan of darkness
Free to live and free to love
Death is dead and Christ is risen!
It was finished upon that cross**

**Onward to eternal glory
To my Saviour and my God
I rejoice in Jesus' victory
It was finished upon that cross
It was finished upon that cross
It was finished upon that cross**

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PRAYER

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Strengthen us by our Savior's victory to put away sin and lead a holy life. We ask this in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

A banquet for all peoples | Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of Armies will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of aged wines, with the best cuts of meat, and with the finest wines.⁷On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that covers all peoples, the burial cloth stretched over all nations. ⁸He has swallowed up death forever! The LORD God will wipe away the tears from every face. He will take away the shame of his people throughout the earth. For the LORD has spoken. ⁹On that day it will be said, "Look, here is our God! We waited for him, and he saved us! This is the LORD! We waited for him. Let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation!"

You are my in - her - i - tance, O Lord.

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Vocalist introduces Refrain

Refrain (all)

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; you yourself who secure my lot.
I keep the Lord before me always; with him at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Refrain

And so, my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my flesh shall rest in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, nor let your holy one see corruption.

Refrain

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand, bliss forever.

Refrain

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EPISTLE READING The change to immortality on the Last Day | 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

⁵¹Look, I tell you a mystery. We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, ⁵²in a moment, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴But once this perishable body has put on imperishability, and this mortal body has put on immortality, then what is written will be fulfilled: Death is swallowed up in victory. ⁵⁵Death, where is your sting? Grave, where is your victory? ⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

ADULT CHOIR

Christ, our Hope in Life and Death | arr. Angerman

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.
Who holds our days within His hand?
What comes apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ in which we stand.

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal; O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess: Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh,
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?
Refrain

Unto the grave what will we sing? Christ, He lives! Christ, He lives!
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord,
Then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy,
When Christ is ours forevermore.
Refrain

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GOSPEL READING

The Resurrection of Jesus | Luke 24:1-12

¹On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women went to the tomb, carrying the spices they had prepared. ²They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb. ³When they went in, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men stood by them in dazzling clothing. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed down with their faces to the ground. The men said to them, “Why are you looking for the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but has been raised! Remember how he told you while he was still in Galilee ⁷that the Son of Man must

be delivered over to the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again?”⁸Then they remembered his words. ⁹When they returned from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles. ¹¹Yet these words seemed to them like nonsense, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over to look in, he saw only the strips of linen cloth. He went home, amazed at what had happened.

APOSTLES’ CREED (UNISON)

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.

HYMN

I Know that My Redeemer Lives | ELH 351:1-2, 7-8

EXORDIUM²

EXORDIUM HYMN

He is Arisen! Glorious Word! | ELH 348

SERMON

Remember the Resurrection | Luke 24:1-12

I. By Remembering Jesus’ Words

II. By Remembering Jesus’ Empty Tomb

WE GIVE THANKS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Heavenly Father, God of Grace, You have brought us into a new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

Christ is risen!

For as in Adam all died, so in Christ all will be made alive.

He is risen indeed!

² The Exordium is an “introduction” for the festival day. This is a tradition of Norwegian Lutherans that dates to the 16th century. After the Exordium, the congregation stands to sing the festival hymn.

He was delivered over to death for our sins and raised to life for our justification.

Alleluia!

We marvel at the love You showed by Your willingness to sacrifice Your Son to pay for our sins; we bow down in adoration at Your mighty power, which raised Him from the dead.

We praise you for sending the true Life and Light into the world.

Lord Jesus, God of grace, You have filled our hearts with resurrection joy by Your victory over sin, death, and the grave.

You have conquered the darkness and given us comfort and hope.

With the Church of every age, we offer You unending praise, for You have crushed Satan's head and have removed our guilt.

You are risen!

Dear Savior, we who are weary and burdened come to You for rest, knowing that because of Your perfect redemption there is now no condemnation for us.

You are risen indeed!

Take away our doubts and fears, and daily renew in us the joy of our salvation.

Alleluia!

Holy Spirit, God of grace, You have called us by the gospel and brought us to saving faith in our risen Lord.

We glorify You for opening our eyes to see the light of life.

Keep us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

He is risen!

As we journey through life, make us yearn for the day when You will give eternal life to us and all believers in Christ.

He is risen indeed!

Special prayers and intercession may follow.

Work through us as we proclaim the saving message of the crucified and risen Jesus near and far, so that many others may hear Your call, obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, and join us before the throne of our God and of the Lamb.

Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia! Amen.

OFFERING & FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

He Shall Feed His Flock | Handel

EASTER CHOIR

Hallelujah Chorus | George Frideric Handel

Please stand in keeping with worldwide tradition.

Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. Hallelujah!

The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord,
And of His Christ, and He shall reign for ever and ever.

King of kings, and Lord of lords,
And He shall reign forever and ever,
King of kings,
And Lord of lords,
Hallelujah!

And He shall reign forever and ever,
King of kings! and Lord of lords!
Hallelujah!

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LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

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.

PRAYER

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of Your Son You conquered death and opened the gates to eternal life. Strengthen us by our Savior's victory to put away sin and lead a holy life. We ask this in the name of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

Amen.

EASTER RESPONSES

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed.

HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today | ELH 352



WE THANK THOSE WHO SERVE

Liturgist	Rev. Craig Ferkenstad
Choir Director/Coordinator	Katie Hartwig
Vocalists	Abby Hartwig, Katie Hartwig, Trisha Jansick, and Tammy Kammerer
Musicians	Sophia Kerkow & Megan Wehrwein Violin Alyssa Inniger Viola Eric Harstad Cello Lexi Fosburgh, Katie Hartwig Piano Rachel Olsen Flute Katie Hartwig Organ
Ushers	Rick Brennhofer & Paul Bunkowske
Easter Breakfast	Peace Softball Team

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

Sunrise Service w/ HC	7:15am
Festival Service	8:15am
Breakfast	9:15am
Egg Hunt	10:00am
Festival Service	10:30am

TUESDAY

Solid Grounds	9:00am
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WEDNESDAY

Council Meeting	5:30pm
Adult Choir Rehearsal	6:00pm
Special Voters' Mtg	7:00pm

SATURDAY

Peace Volunteer Day at
New 2 You

SUNDAY

Divine Service w/HC	8:15am
Bible Story Time	9:15am
Sunday School	9:25am
Bible Class	9:30am
Divine Service w/HC	10:30am

NEWS & NOTES

For more detailed information concerning our news & notes, visit peacemankato.com/news

EASTER BREAKFAST

9:15am

The Church Softball team will be providing the breakfast this morning for a free-will donation. Money raised will go to the Benevolence Fund.

CONFIRMATION DATES

Examination of confirmation students will be on April 29th, at 6:00pm.

The Rite of Confirmation will be on Sunday, May 1, at the 10:30am service.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 20-23 | 8-11:30am

Registration forms are on the table outside of the office. Limit of 125 so register early! Registration ends May 15th. \$10 per child, \$30 family max.

A volunteer form is on the table also. Please sign up.

CHURCH PICNIC

May 14 | 10am-2pm

Come to Spring Lake Park for a day of fellowship and fun! Lunch of Sandwiches, chips, and drinks provided. Please bring a dish to share. Sign up if having lunch at peacemankato.com/picnic. We reserved the shelter by volleyball courts. Moving picnic to church if it rains.

SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING

On Wednesday, April 20th, at 7:00pm there will be a Special Voters' Meeting to discuss, and decide, if Peace should call a 2nd Pastor. If it is approved, a Call Meeting will be held immediately after. This is an important meeting, which will likely affect Peace for many years to come, so we encourage all voters to attend.

ELS/WELS SINGLES EVENT

Meet at 1:00pm on Saturday, April 30th at the Como Zoo Conservatory in St. Paul, MN. Reservations needed. Please RSVP to rmoldstad@gmail.com.

LYA CONVENTION 2022 – 7/28-31

ELS youth, 8th grade (confirmed in 2022) through high school, are invited to attend. Held in St. George, UT. More information and to register go to els.org/lya22.

JESUS' LAMBS AT PEACE PRE-K

2-, 3- or 5-day sessions Ages 3-5
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