

# WELCOME

PEACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH – APRIL 30, 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

This is week two of our sermon series based on our stained-glass window and we are focusing on the bottom left panel. Today we'll talk about how the bundles of wheat tied together are a picture of us! Jesus was the seed of wheat that fell to the ground and died, but in doing so produced much grain- bringing spiritual life and salvation to all those who cling to Him in faith.

## 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

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## WE COME BEFORE THE LORD

### INVOCATION

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

**Amen.**

### ORGAN DEDICATION

Beloved in the Lord, the gracious God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has made this a day of special rejoicing. With this new organ we will be encouraged to “sing to the Lord and bless His name, to tell of His salvation from day to day.” It will also adorn the Word of Christ which dwells in us richly in all wisdom so that, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, we may sing with grace in our hearts to the Lord. As He has taught us in His holy Word that everything is sanctified by the Word of God and prayer, it is fitting that we bless and sanctify this instrument for use in God’s holy house.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**Who made heaven and earth.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Almighty and everlasting God, You dwell in the heavens surrounded by angels and archangels and all the company of heaven as they offer their worship and sing, “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth.” We thank You that You have united our voices with their unending hymn of praise. Of Your goodness You have blessed us with this organ to enliven our hearts and adorn our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Grant that by Your mercy we may ever glorify Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

The Lord Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless this organ for use in the services of His house.

**Amen.**

**HYMN**

When in Our Music God is Glorified | ELH 380: 1,3,5

**10:30 - RISEN SAVIOR CHOIR**

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in His wonderful face.  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,  
In the light of His glory and grace.

Turn your eyes to the hillside  
Where justice and mercy embrace.  
There the Son of God gave His life for us,  
And our measureless debt was erased.

*Refrain:*

Jesus to You we lift our eyes.  
Jesus our glory and our prize.  
We adore You, behold You, our Savior every true.  
Oh Jesus we turn our eyes to You.

Turn your eyes to the morning  
And see Christ the lion awake.  
What a glorious dawn, fear of death is gone,  
For we carry His life in our veins. *Refrain*

Turn your eyes to the heavens,  
Our King will return for His own.  
Every knee will bow, every tongue will shout  
"All the glory to Jesus alone!" *Refrain*

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## CONFESSION OF SIN

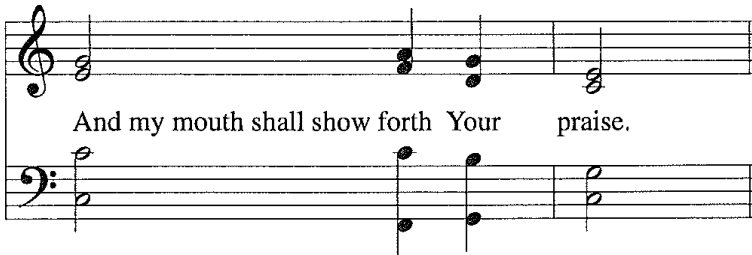
Dearly beloved! We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hand, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us, according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. For His sake grant that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.**

The almighty and merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## VERSICLES

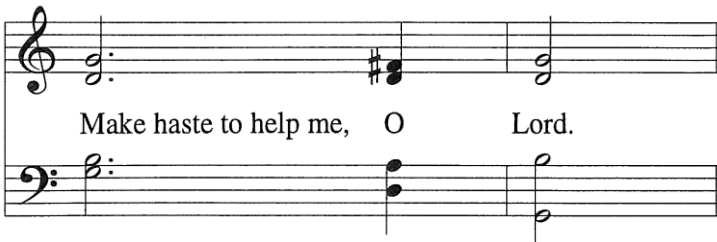
O Lord, open my lips.



And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a G-clef and a common time signature. It contains three measures: the first measure has a whole note G4, the second measure has a whole note A4, and the third measure has a whole note B4. The bottom staff is in bass clef with an F-clef and a common time signature. It contains three measures: the first measure has a whole note G3, the second measure has a whole note A3, and the third measure has a whole note B3.

Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



Make haste to help me, O Lord.

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Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the

Ho - ly Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er

shall be: for - ev - er - more. A - men. Al - le - lu - ia!

**INVITATORY**

O come, let us worship the Lord.

For He is our Mak - er.

# VENITE EXULTEMUS

1. O come, let us sing to the Lord:  
 3. For the Lord is a great God:  
 5. The sea is His, for He made it:  
 8. Glory be to the Father and to the Son

1. let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our sal-va-tion.  
 3. and a great King a-bove all gods.  
 5. and His hands form-ed the dry land.  
 8. and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

2. Let us come before His presence with thanks-giv-ing  
 4. In His hand are the deep places of the earth:  
 6. O come, let us worship and bow down:  
 >7. For He is our God:  
 8. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:

2. and make a joyful noise to Him with psalms.  
 4. the strength of the hills is His al-so.  
 6. let us kneel before the Lord, our Mak-er. (7) >  
 >7. and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.  
 8. for- ev-er more. A-men.

**FIRST READING** As the Church Gathered, the Good Shepherd's Flock Grew | Acts 2:42-47

They continued to hold firmly to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of the bread, and to the prayers.<sup>43</sup> Awe came over every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.<sup>44</sup> All the believers were together and had everything in common.<sup>45</sup> They were selling their possessions and property and were distributing the proceeds according to what anyone needed.<sup>46</sup> Day after day, with one mind, they were devoted to meeting in the temple area, as they continued to break bread in their homes. They shared their food with glad and sincere hearts,<sup>47</sup> as they continued praising God and being viewed favorably by all the people. Day after day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

**PSALM** The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Shall Not Want | ELH 371

**SECOND READING** God Calls Us to Suffer as We Follow Our Shepherd | 1 Peter 2:19-25

For this is favorable: if a person endures sorrows while suffering unjustly because he is conscious of God.<sup>20</sup> For what credit is it to you if you receive a beating for sinning and patiently endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and endure it, this is favorable with God.<sup>21</sup> Indeed, you were called to do this, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you<sup>[b]</sup> an example so that you would follow in his steps.<sup>22</sup> He did not commit a sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.<sup>23</sup> When he was insulted, he did not insult in return. When he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.<sup>24</sup> He himself carried our sins in his body on the tree so that we would be dead to sins and alive to righteousness. By his wounds you were healed.<sup>25</sup> For you were like sheep going astray, but you are now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

**RESPONSORY**

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

The image shows musical notation for the responsory. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The treble staff has a melody line with notes and rests. The bass staff has a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics 'Thanks be to You, O Lord!' are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style.

## GOSPEL READING

Jesus is Our Good Shepherd and Door to Eternal Life | John 10:1-10

“Amen, Amen, I tell you: Anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the door, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber.<sup>2</sup> The one who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.<sup>3</sup> The doorkeeper opens the door for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.<sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own sheep, he walks ahead of them. The sheep follow him because they know his voice.<sup>5</sup> They will never follow a stranger, but will run away from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers.”<sup>6</sup> Jesus used this illustration in speaking to the people, but they did not understand what he was telling them. <sup>7</sup> So Jesus said again, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: I am the door for the sheep.<sup>8</sup> All who came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the door. Whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> “A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

## HYMN

Now Hush Your Cries | ELH 480

## SERMON

Pictures of Peace - Wheat | John 12:20-26



Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Festival. <sup>21</sup> They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we want to see Jesus. <sup>22</sup> Philip went to tell Andrew. Andrew came with Philip and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered them, “The time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it continues to be one kernel. But if it dies, it produces much grain. <sup>25</sup> Anyone who loves his life destroys it. And the one who hates his life in this world will hold on to it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> If anyone serves me, let him follow me. And where I am, there my servant will be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

## WE GIVE THANKS

## HYMN

God, We Praise You | ELH 42

## OFFERING & FRIENDSHIP REGISTER



## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Dave & Grace Bartel

Adam Bean

Dan & Kristen Berndt  
(Anna, Lucas, Emily, and Leah)

Adam Bruns

Lucas Dorton

Christian & Ashley Engebretson  
(Wyatt, Mason and Kinsley)

Michael & Evelyn Fricke

Jeff & Allison Huber  
(Logan)

Max & Samara Nerland

Luke Thompson

Matthew & Marissa Wood

## KYRIE

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

## 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 tress-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 e-ver.

A - - - - - men.

## PRAYER

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, having safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doing, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; 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.

## BENEDICAMUS

Let us bless the Lord.

Musical notation for the Benedicamus section, featuring a treble and bass clef staff. The lyrics "A - men." are written below the notes.

## BENEDICTION

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

Musical notation for the Benediction section, featuring a treble and bass clef staff. The lyrics "A - men." are written below the notes.

## HYMN

I am Jesus Little Lamb | ELH 177

## WE THANK THOSE WHO SERVE

Organist

Katie Hartwig

Risen Savior Choir

Ashley Larson | Director

Ushers

Tom Hunter, Matt & Nathan Lukasek, Caleb Moldstad | 8:15

Refreshments

Mark Zenk & Terry Field | 10:30

Peace Group 4

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### SUNDAY

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

### MONDAY

Stewardship	5:30pm
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### TUESDAY

Solid Grounds	9:00am
Gospel Outreach	5:00pm
Christian Education	5:00pm

### WEDNESDAY

Confirmation Dinner	5:00pm
Confirmation Exam	6:00pm

### FRIDAY

Men's Bible Study	6:30am
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## NEWS & NOTES

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

### NEW PEACE SENIORS GROUP MAY 11 | 11:30AM

Our new Peace Seniors Group will meet on Thurs. May 11th from 11:30am to 1pm at Peace. If you consider yourself a "senior" (or nearly) please come! For our program, participants will be invited to describe a favorite childhood toy (bring it along if possible). Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by calling Judy at 507-338-4711.

### CHURCH PICNIC AT PEACE MAY 13 | 12PM

Enjoy lawn games, food, and fellowship with our church family. Please bring a dish to share.

### SIGN UP FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Peace's VBS will be June 12th to 15th from 9 to 11:30am. Register now at [peacemankato.com/vbs](http://peacemankato.com/vbs).

### MUSIC COORDINATOR NEEDED

Katie Hartwig is stepping down from her position at the end of April. We are looking to hire someone for this position. If you are interested, please email: [office@peacemankato.com](mailto:office@peacemankato.com) or call Lisa at 507-385-1386.

## NEW ORGAN & THANKS TO OUR ORGAN COMMITTEE

Our new organ was purchased with funds from generous donors, the majority of which was from the Rev. Paul Madson estate. A special thanks to our organ committee who met for over a year. Their important work led to the purchasing of the new Allen organ which is being installed today. The organ committee consisted of: Crystal Foslien, Eric Harstad, Katie Hartwig, Ken Mellon (chairman), and Dr. Wayne Wagner.

### MVL GROUNDBREAKING MAY 21

A Groundbreaking ceremony for MVL's new addition will be held on Sunday, May 21st at 3pm. All are welcome to attend this joyous event.

### GIRL PIONEER CAMP JUN 15-17

Our girls are invited to the Lutheran Girl Pioneer Camp at Flandrau State Park in New Ulm from June 15th to 17th. Email: [missy@gallariavid.com](mailto:missy@gallariavid.com) for more info.

### 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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