

WELCOME

PEACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH – APRIL 9, 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

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Today we celebrate because Jesus our Savior passed from death to life! His resurrection is not just an event that we study and remember, it is a miracle that brings meaning and purpose to our lives. Through Jesus' resurrection, we know whose we are and what our future holds: we are forgiven children of God who will inherit eternal life. Easter takes our grief, guilt, and sorrow and turns them into hope, assurance, and triumph!

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

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

Jesus Christ is Risen Today | ELH 352

Verse 1 all

Verse 2 men

Verse 3 women

Verse 4 all

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.

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.

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.

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.

HYMN

Like the Golden Sun Ascending | ELH 354: 2, 5, 10

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

Jonah Trust's in God's Salvation | Jonah 2:1-9

Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish. ² He said the following: In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me. From the belly of the grave I cried out, and you heard my voice. ³ You threw me into the depths, into the heart of the seas. The currents swept around me. All your breakers and your waves swept over me. ⁴ I said, "I have been driven away from your sight. Nevertheless, I will once again look toward your holy temple." ⁵ Waters engulfed me so that I was near death. The deep surrounded me. Seaweed was wrapped around my head. ⁶ To the roots of the mountains I sank down. The earth locked me behind its bars forever. But you brought my life up from the pit, O LORD, my God. ⁷ When my life was ebbing away, I remembered the LORD. My prayer came to you, to your holy temple. ⁸ Those who cling to worthless idols forsake the mercy that is theirs. ⁹ But I, with a shout of thanksgiving, will indeed sacrifice to you. What I have vowed, I will certainly pay in full. Salvation belongs to the LORD!

RESPONSORY PSALM

Irish Alleluia | Psalm 118B

The cantor will introduce the refrain.

Please join for another refrain and verses. The final refrain is sung twice.

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone



The LORD is my strength and / my defense;

he has become my sal-/vation.

The LORD's right hand is / lifted high;

the LORD's right hand has done / mighty things!

I will not / die but live,

and will proclaim what the / LORD has done. *Refrain*

I will give you thanks, for you / answered me;

you have become my sal-/vation.

The stone the builders re-/jected

has become the / cornerstone;

the LORD has / done this,

and it is marvelous / in our eyes.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in the be-/ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

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EPISTLE READING Christ Was Raised According to the Scriptures | 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand.² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles,⁸ and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.⁹ For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.¹¹ Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

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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GOSPEL READING

The Resurrection of Jesus | Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.² Suddenly, there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, and going to the tomb, he rolled away the stone and was sitting on it.³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow.⁴ The guards were so terrified of him that they shook and became like dead men.⁵ The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was

crucified. ⁶ He is not here. He has risen, just as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. ⁷ Go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has risen from the dead! And look, he is going ahead of you to Galilee. There you will see him.' See, I have told you!" ⁸ They hurried away from the tomb, with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" They approached, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go, tell my brothers that they should go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

HYMN

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

EXORDIUM²

EXORDIUM HYMN

He is Arisen! Glorious Word | ELH 348

SERMON

Do not be afraid. He is not Here. He is risen. | Matthew 28:1-10

WE GIVE THANKS

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.

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!

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

Alleluia!

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.

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

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN ENSEMBLE

In Christ Alone/The Solid Rock | arr. Ed Kerr

The congregation is invited to join for the verses in bold.

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

**In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid, here in the love of Christ I live.**

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

On Christ the solid Rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand.

Please stand for the final verse:

**No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand
Here in pow'r of Christ I'll stand.**

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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.

POSTLUDE

Arrival of the Queen of Sheba | G.F. Handel

WE THANK THOSE WHO SERVE

Coordinator and Choir Director

Katie Hartwig

Musicians

Sophia Kerkow and Madeline Halvorson | Violin

Sabrina Siewert | Viola

Eric Harstad | Cello

Lexi Fosburgh | Piano

Tony Cordes | Guitar and vocals

Joseph Roemhildt | Trumpet

Adam Bruns | Percussion

Katie Hartwig | Organ and piano

Ushers

Joel, Jack & Karl Kom, Oliver Harding | 8:15

Ken Mellon, Phil Wels & Micah Wiley | 10:30

Easter Breakfast

Peace Softball Team

Paschal Candle from:

Tom & Cindy Chopp

Easter Flowers from:

Sharon Boniek

(1 cyclamen)

Tom & Cindy Chopp

(1 Hyacinth)

Martha Eisenbeis

(2 Tulips)

Marc & Kris Flygare

(1 Easter Egg Mum, 1 Asiatic Lily)

Paul & Terri Fries

(2 Tulips)

Jeff & Alison Huber

(1 Tulip, 1 Easter Egg Mumm)

Daniel Loe

(5 Hyacinth)

Elisa Londgren

(1 Asiatic Lily)

Jeanne Lorensberg

(1 Easter Egg Mum)

Manthe Family

(1 Asiatic Lily)

Kristie Mize

(1 White Lily)

Joslyn Moldstad

(1 Easter Egg Mum, 1 Cyclamen)

Pastor & Joni Moldstad

(1 Daffodil, 1 Hyacinth)

Daniel Mundahl

(1 Hyacinth, 2 Easter Egg Mum)

Phil & Becky Novak

(1 Oriental Lily)

In memory of:

Rejoicing over Christ's resurrection and the sure hope of Carolyn Smith & Lydia Chopp's resurrection on the Last Day

In memory of:

Rev. Elmer Boniek

Carolyn Smith & Lydia Chopp

Walter & Genny Eisenbeis, Brandon Lohmann

Norman & Amanda Madson, our parents

Robert Fries, Paul & Jackie Simmerman

Kathleen Huber

Glenna Loe & other loved ones

Rev. Jeff Londgren

Ron Lorensberg

Lisa Nicholson

Carol Ann Mize

Wayne & Esther Wiechmann,
Rev. John A. Moldstad

John Dukleth, Greg Dukleth

Rev. John A. Moldstad

Palmer & Joyce Mundahl, Larry Mundahl

Lois Bruns

The Peters Family
(1 White Lily)

Rob & Lori Pipal
(1 White Lily)

The Schrader Family
(1 Daffodil, 1 Tulip)

Brandon, Madie & Lincoln Smith
(1 Tulip, 1 Daffodil)

Tom & Connie Schulz
(1 White Lily, 1 Tulip)

Stacey & David Voigt
(1 Daffodil, 1 White Lily)

Marnie Werner
(1 Tulip)

Ann Wiechmann
(1 Hyacinth, 1 Cyclamen)

Pastor & Emily Wiechmann Family
(1 White Lily, 1 Easter Egg Mum)

Paul & Karen Wold, Elizabeth Anderson
(2 Daffodils, 3 Hyacinth, 1 Tulip, 1 Asiatic Lily)

Jesse & Emily Wolff
(2 tulips)

Easter Flowers from:

Michaletz Family
(1 Easter Egg Mum)

Larry & Stephanie Wentzlaff
(1 Easter Egg Mum)

Easter Flowers from:

Jon & Caryl Bunkowski
(5 Tulips)

Adie & Helen Harstad
(1 White Lilly, 2 Asiatic Lily, 1 Oriental Lily)

Tom & Lisa Hunter
(2 Tulips)

Jim Holte

Larry & Jen Degner

Adam Lott, Traff & Julia Hubert
Kathleen & Jerald Hiller

Larry Johnson & Clarence Marshall

Walter & Viola Schulz,
Ervin & Berdina Wrucke,
Helen Wrucke, Wayne Wrucke

Noelle

Norman Werner

Barbara Webb, Larry Monson, Glen
Wiechmann

Michael Zehrer

Loved ones

Grandparents, mother & sister who
have entered God's kingdom before us.

In honor of:

Keith & Joni Wiederhoeft

Our parents

In thankfulness for:

The free gift of salvation through Jesus'
sacrifice for us.

Our children & grandchildren

Adie, Whitney, Natalie Michaletz
(1 Hyacinth, 1 Easter Egg Mum)

Sara & Chad Schwartz
(2 Cyclamen)

Jon & Linda Tibbetts
(1 Cyclamen, 1 Easter Egg Mum)

The Tiegs Family
(1 Asiatic Lily)

Philip Wels
(2 daffodil, 2 hyacinth)

Pastor & Emily Wiechmann Family
(1 White Lily, 1 Easter Egg Mum)

Keith & Joni Wiederhoeft &
(1 Cyclamen)

Paul & Karen Wold, Elizabeth Anderson
(2 Daffodils, 3 Hyacinth, 1 Tulip, 1 Asiatic Lily)

Our grandparents

The many wonderful blessings
from God

Our Risen Savior & all His blessings

Our children & grandchildren

The pastors & members of Peace

COME TO PEACE FOR AN
EASTER CELEBRATION



SUNRISE SERVICE 7AM
with Holy Communion



EASTER BREAKFAST
9:15 AM



10AM
EGG HUNT

Easter
— HE'S ALIVE —

FESTIVAL SERVICES
8:15 & 10:30AM



WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

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

TUESDAY

Solid Grounds	9:00am
Spiritual Leadership	5:30am
Church Council	6:30pm

WEDNESDAY

Catechism Class	4:00pm
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THURSDAY

M.O.M's Bible Study	8:30am
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FRIDAY

Men's Bible Study	6:30am
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SATURDAY

Church Cleaning	8:00am
Peace Writers Group	10:00am

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 new microphones for the Pastors.

CONFIRMATION DATES

Examination of confirmation students will be on May 3rd, at 6:00pm. The Rite of Confirmation will be on Sunday, May 7th, 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)

EGG HUNT

April 9 | 10am

Children ages 5 and under meet near the church offices and older children meet by the backdoor near the coat rack.

SPRING CLEANING - RESCHEDULED

April 15 | 8am

Due to inclement weather our spring-cleaning day has been rescheduled to Saturday, April 15th at 8am. All our members are encouraged to help. We have many tasks to complete both inside and outside.

PEACE BINGO - 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. We are willing to help grill, call Bingo numbers, hand out prizes, and serve in the kitchen. Please contact Jani Moldstad at Jani.Moldstad@bhc.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

LYA CONVENTION 2023 – 7/27-30

ELS youth, 8th grade (confirmed in 2023) through high school, are invited to attend. Held in Mankato, MN. For more information and to register go to els.org/lya23.

JESUS' LAMBS AT PEACE PRE-K

2-, 3- or 5-day sessions Ages 3-5
Director: Joslyn Moldstad 507-385-7752
peacemankato.com/preschool

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