

# WELCOME

PEACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH – March 26, 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

As Ezekiel sat in the valley of the dry bones, he saw something amazing: God gave new life to dry bones. And he didn't just give them flesh, but he breathed life into them. This provides a vivid illustration of what God does by his Holy Spirit.

He breathes new life into the hearts of people who are dead in their sin through His Word and sacrament.

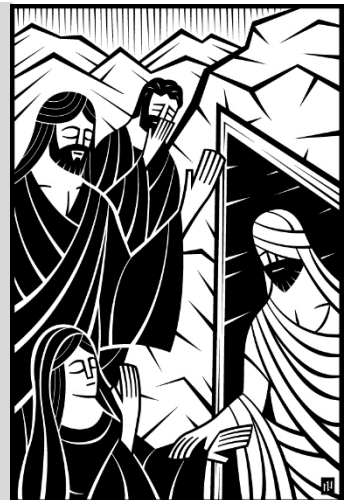
## VISITOR INFORMATION

**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

### HYMN

Christ the Life of All the Living | ELH 333:1-3,7

### INVOCATION

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

**Amen.**

### CONFESSION OF SIN

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

**His mercy endures forever.**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sins;

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of the world: We confess that we have sinned against Your divine majesty by thought, word and deed, provoking Your wrath against us. We earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for our sins.**

**We grieve to think of them. Their burden is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, gracious Father! Forgive us our sins for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that we may serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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<sup>1</sup> This morning we are making use of the Lutheran Chorale Service (ELH Rite 4, p. 107). This service uses congregational singing to respond to the pastor's reading of the Word. It has been called "an occasion for actively and joyously proclaiming the Gospel anew." This form put the liturgy in the hands of the common folk instead of relying on the singing of a professional choir.

## **ABSOLUTION**

Lift up your hearts. The Lord God, according to His promise, is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. By the command of Christ and the authority of my holy office I forgive your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **10:30 - PRESCHOOL CHOIR**

Like the Golden Sun Ascending | ELH 354:2

Thanks to you, O Christ victorious!  
Thanks to you, O Lord of Life!  
Death has now no power o'er us,  
You have conquered in the fight.  
Thanks because You did arise,  
And have opened Paradise,  
None can fully sing with glory  
Of the resurrection story!

Jesus Alphabet Song | Unknown

A, B, C, D, E, F, G  
Jesus died for you and me.  
H, I, J, K, L, M, N  
Jesus died for sinful men. Amen!  
O, P, Q, R, S, T, U  
I believe God's word is true.  
U, V, W,  
God has promised you,  
X, Y, Z,  
A home eternally!

## **PRAYER**

Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation, that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive the forgiveness of sins, victory over the grave, and finally inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**EPISTLE READING**

The Spirit of the Risen Christ Lives In You | Romans 8:11-19

And if the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will also make your mortal bodies alive through his Spirit, who is dwelling in you. <sup>12</sup> So then, brothers, we do not owe it to the sinful flesh to live in harmony with it. <sup>13</sup> For if you live in harmony with the sinful flesh, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the actions of the body, you will live. The Spirit Assures Us We Are Children of God <sup>14</sup> Indeed, those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit of slavery so that you are afraid again, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we call out, "Abba, Father!" <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself joins our spirit in testifying that we are God's children. <sup>17</sup> Now if we are children, we are also heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, since we suffer with him, so that we may also be glorified with him. <sup>18</sup> For I conclude that our sufferings at the present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> In fact, creation is waiting with eager longing for the sons of God to be revealed.

**ENSEMBLE**

I Will Wait For You | Psalm 130

Lord, from the depths I call to You. Lord, hear me from on high  
And give attention to my voice when I, for mercy cry.

Out of the depths I cry to You, in darkest places I will call.  
Incline Your ear to me anew, and hear my cry for mercy, Lord.

Were You to count my sinful ways, how could I come before Your throne?  
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze - I stand redeemed by grace alone.

**All sing refrain:**

I will wait for You, I will wait for You, on Your  
Word I will re - ly. I will wait for You, sure - ly  
wait for You, till my soul is sat - is - fied.

So put Your hope in God alone, take courage in His pow'r to save.  
Completely and forever won by Christ's emerging from the grave. **Refrain**

Now he has come to make a way, and God Himself has paid the price  
That all who trust in Him today find healing in His sacrifice.

**All sing refrain and final refrain:**



I will wait for You, I will wait for You, on Your  
I will wait for You, I will wait for You, through the  
Word I will re - ly. I will wait for You, sure - ly  
storm and through the night, I will wait for you, sure - ly  
wait for You, till my soul is sat - is - fied.  
wait for You, for Your love is my de - light.

I wait, my soul waits for the Lord. My hope is in His word.  
More than the watchman waits for dawn, my soul waits for the Lord.

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## CHIEF HYMN

By Grace I'm Saved | ELH 226:1,6-8

## GOSPEL READING

Jesus Raises Lazarus | John 11:17–27, 38–45

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

<sup>18</sup> Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. <sup>19</sup> Many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them concerning their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him, while Mary was sitting in the house. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup> Martha replied, "I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the Last Day."

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even if he dies. <sup>26</sup> And whoever lives and believes in me will never perish. Do you believe

this?” <sup>27</sup> “Yes, Lord,” she told him. “I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.” ... <sup>38</sup> Jesus was deeply moved again as he came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup> “Take away the stone,” he said. Martha, the dead man’s sister, told him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, because it has been four days.” <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” <sup>43</sup> After he said this, he shouted with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” <sup>44</sup> The man who had died came out with his feet and his hands bound with strips of linen and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus told them, “Loose him and let him go.” <sup>45</sup> Therefore many of the Jews who came to Mary and saw what Jesus did believed in him.

## **CREED HYMN**

We All Believe in One True God | ELH 37

## **SERMON**

God Revives Dry Bones | Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD was upon me. He brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley, which was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> He had me pass through them and go all over among them. There were very many on the valley floor, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, “Son of man, can these dry bones live?” I answered, “LORD God, you know.” <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.’” <sup>5</sup> This is what the LORD God says to these bones. I am about to make breath enter you so that you will live. <sup>6</sup> I will attach tendons to you. I will put flesh back on you. I will cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you will live. Then you will know that I am the LORD. <sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I was prophesying there was a noise, a rattling, as the bones came together, one bone connecting to another <sup>8</sup> As I watched, tendons were attached to them, then flesh grew over them, and skin covered them. But there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the wind. Prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind that this is what the LORD God says. From the four winds, come, O wind, and breathe into these slain so that they may live.” <sup>10</sup> So I prophesied as he commanded me. Breath entered them, and they came back to life. They stood on their feet, a very, very large army. <sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They are saying, ‘Our bones are dried up. Our hope is lost. We have been completely cut off.’” <sup>12</sup> Therefore, prophesy and say to them that this is what the LORD God says. My people, I am going to open your graves and raise you up from your graves and bring you back to the soil of Israel. <sup>13</sup> Then you will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and raise you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup> I will put my Spirit in you, and you will live. I will settle you on your own land, and you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.”

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### OFFERING & FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

## WE RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT

*Visitors, please speak with one of our pastors before receiving the Sacrament with us.  
We welcome members of the ELS and WELS to join us at the Lord's Table.*

### EXHORTATION

Dear communicant members of Peace and those of our fellowship, in order that you may receive this holy Sacrament worthily, it is good that you consider what you must now believe and do. From the words of Christ: "This is My body, which is given for you; this is My blood, which is shed for you," you should believe that Jesus Christ is Himself present with His body and blood, as the words declare.

From Christ's words "for the remission of sins" you should believe that Jesus Christ truly gives you His body and blood to confirm unto you the forgiveness of all your sins.

And finally, you should do as Christ commands you when He says "Take, eat; drink of it, all of you," and "this do in remembrance of Me."

If you believe these words of Christ, and do as He therein has commanded, then you have rightly examined yourselves and may worthily eat Christ's body and drink His blood for the forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.

### LORD'S PRAYER HYMN

Our Father, Throned in Heaven Above | ELH 384

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### AGNUS DEI HYMN

Behold the Lamb of God | ELH 235:1,3

### DISTRIBUTION

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

O Bread of Life From Heaven | ELH 266

## WE GIVE THANKS

### PRAYER

We thank you, Lord God Almighty, that You have refreshed us with these Your salutary gifts; and we beseech You of Your mercy, to strengthen us through the same in faith toward You, and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**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.**

### HYMN

Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying | ELH 191

## WE THANK THOSE WHO SERVE

Ensemble

August Jeske & Katie Hartwig | Vocalists

Lexi Fosburgh | Accompanist

Pianist

Lexi Fosburgh

Preschool Accompanist

Katie Hartwig

Communion Assistants

Tim Paulsen & Greg Miller | 8:15

Peter Londgren & Rob Pipal | 10:30

Ushers

Nate, Ian, Owen Risto | 8:15

Ben, Ian, Malachi Kohls | 10:30

Refreshments

Group 3



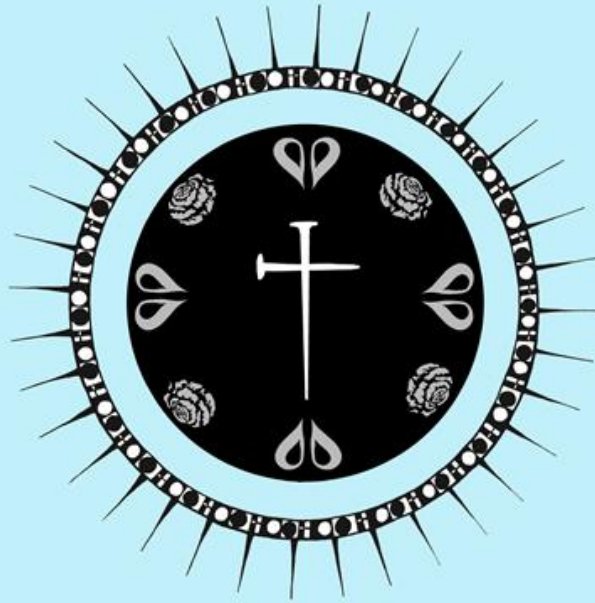


**PALM  
SUNDAY**  
APRIL 2ND - 8:15 & 10:30AM

**MAUNDY  
THURSDAY**  
APRIL 6TH - 6:00PM

**GOOD  
FRIDAY**  
APRIL 7TH - 6:00PM

WORSHIP 7:00, 8:15, & 10:30AM  
*Easter*  
— HE'S ALIVE —  
BREAKFAST 9:15AM EGG HUNT 10:00AM



# Christ, Our Conqueror

MVL Spring Sacred Concert 2023

April 5th - 6:45 pm

## **MVL SPRING SACRED CONCERT**

On Wednesday, April 5, MVL will be holding its Spring Sacred Concert titled, "Christ Our Conqueror." The concert will feature the MVL Symphonic Band, Freshman Choir, Chargaliers, and A Capella Choir. The concert will be held in the MVL gymnasium with the music beginning at 6:45 PM.

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### SUNDAY

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

### TUESDAY

Solid Grounds	9:00am
Preschool Open House	6:00pm

### WEDNESDAY

Catechism Class	4:00pm
Lent Meal	5:00pm
Lenten Service	6:00pm
Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm

### 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

Cleaning Day	8:00am
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## NEWS & NOTES

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

**WORLD MISSIONS PRESENTATION** Mar 26 | 9:30am

### SING ALLELUIA CHORUS W/ CHOIR

Join us for the first 20 minutes of choir rehearsal on Wednesday 3/29 at 7pm, Wednesday 4/5 at 5:30, and Saturday 4/6 at 8 am. Music is available for our extra singers, please let Katie know: 507-382-7566.

**PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

**Tuesday | 6:00PM**

### HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday– 8:15 & 10:30am

**April 2**

Maundy Thursday w/HC - 6pm

**April 6**

Good Friday - 6pm

**April 7**

### EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**April 9**

Worship – 7:00am w/ HC, 8:15 & 10:30am

Breakfast – 9:15am

Egg Hunt – 10:00am

### PROCESSION OF PALMS

**April 2**

On April 2nd we invite our children to participate in the procession of palms. Palm branches will be handed out to each child. They should gather in the entryway before the services.

## PRO-LIFE BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE GROUP

Our Bethany Lutheran College's Pro-Life Group is hosting a fundraising event in the narthex. They will be here between services today. They are selling and distributing Bracelet For Life. All the freewill donations go to Options for Women Mankato. All the bracelets are handmade by volunteers from ELS college and high school students. Please check it out in the narthex after the service.

## PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE SIGN UP

There is a sign-up sheet on bulletin board requesting volunteers for the preschool open house on March 28, 6-8pm. Questions, see Joslyn Moldstad.

## CLEANING DAY

**Apr 1 | 8am**

We will be getting ready for Holy Week. All are encouraged to help. If you are able, please sign up at [peacemankato.com/cleaning](http://peacemankato.com/cleaning).

## 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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