

# WELCOME

PEACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH – MAY 22, 2022

## 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

Conventional wisdom says that joy is a direct result of circumstance. But Jesus offers us a joy that is superior. Easter proves that God can take what normally causes people to weep and turn it into what causes people to rejoice. Sin, death, and shame went into Jesus' tomb. Forgiveness, life, and glory came out.

Because of this, our joy in the Savior can remain, no matter what our circumstances. Today we see: Our Joy In the Gospel Can't be Stopped.

## 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

### OPENING PRAYER

O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

### HYMN

Lord Jesus, Though But Two or Three | ELH 5

### CONFESSION OF SIN

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 a 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.**

### KYRIE ELEISON (Lord, have mercy)

O God the Fa - ther in heav - en, have mer - cy up - on

us. O God the Son, Re - deem-er of the world, have  
mer - cy up - on us. O God the Ho - ly Ghost,  
true Com - fort - er, have mer - cy up - on us.

### ABSOLUTION

Hear the holy and comforting Word of our Lord: Come unto me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. Lift up your hearts! By the authority of God and of my holy office I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### GLORIA HYMN

This Is the Feast | ELH 359:1, 5

### SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And with your spir - it.

## PRAYER

O God, You are the giver of everything good. Inspire us, Your humble servants, to long for what is right and, through Your gracious guidance, accomplish it to Your glory; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

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### FIRST READING

Paul's joy was unaffected by circumstance | Acts 14:8-22

<sup>8</sup>In Lystra there was a man who was sitting down because he had no strength in his feet. He had never walked because he was lame from birth. <sup>9</sup>When he was listening to Paul as he was speaking, Paul looked at him closely and saw that he had faith to be healed. <sup>10</sup>Paul said in a loud voice, "Stand up on your feet!" And the man jumped up and began to walk. <sup>11</sup>When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they raised their voices, saying in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in human form." <sup>12</sup>Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes, because he was the main speaker. <sup>13</sup>The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and garlands to the city gates, because he wanted to offer sacrifices along with the crowds. <sup>14</sup>But when the apostles Paul and Barnabas heard about this, they tore their clothes and rushed into the crowd, shouting, <sup>15</sup>"Men, why are you doing these things? We too are men with the same nature as you. We are preaching the good news to you so that you turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and everything in them. <sup>16</sup>In past generations he allowed all the nations to go their own ways. <sup>17</sup>Yet he did not leave himself without testimony of the good he does. He gives you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons. He fills you with food and fills your hearts with gladness." <sup>18</sup>Even though they said these things, they had a hard time stopping the crowds from sacrificing to them. <sup>19</sup>Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and persuaded the crowds to stone Paul. When they thought he was dead, they dragged him out of the city. <sup>20</sup>But after the disciples had gathered around him, he stood up and went into the city. The next day, he left with Barnabas for Derbe. <sup>21</sup>After they preached the good news in that city and had gathered many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, <sup>22</sup>strengthening the souls of

the disciples and encouraging them to continue in the faith. They told them, “We must go through many troubles on our way to the kingdom of God.”

## SECOND READING

Our joy will one day be complete | Revelation 21:21-27

<sup>21</sup>The twelve gates are twelve pearls. Each of the gates is made out of one pearl. And the street of the city is pure gold, like transparent glass. <sup>22</sup>I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. <sup>23</sup>The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, because the glory of God has given it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. <sup>24</sup>The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup>There is no day when its gates will be shut, for there will be no night in that place. <sup>26</sup>They will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. <sup>27</sup>Nothing that is unclean and no one who does what is detestable or who tells lies will ever enter it, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life.

## GOSPEL READING

All our grief will be turned to joy | John 16:16-24

<sup>16</sup>“In a little while you are not going to see me anymore, and again in a little while you will see me, because I am going away to the Father.” <sup>17</sup>Therefore some of his disciples asked one another, “What does he mean when he tells us, ‘In a little while you are not going to see me, and again in a little while you will see me,’ and ‘Because I am going away to the Father?’” <sup>18</sup>So they kept asking, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We don’t understand what he’s saying.” <sup>19</sup>Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, “Are you trying to determine with one another what I meant by saying, ‘In a little while you are not going to see me, and again in a little while you will see me’? <sup>20</sup>Amen, Amen, I tell you: You will weep and wail, but the world will rejoice. You will become sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn to joy. <sup>21</sup>A woman giving birth has pain, because her time has come. But when she has delivered the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, because of her joy that a person has been born into the world. <sup>22</sup>“So you also have sorrow now. But I will see you again. Your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you. <sup>23</sup>In that day you will not ask me anything. Amen, Amen, I tell you: Whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you. <sup>24</sup>Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask, and you will receive, so that your joy may be made complete.

God - be prais - ed, for His glad - tid - ings!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The music is a simple, hymn-like setting with a steady rhythm.

## NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the Resurrection of the dead and the Life of the world to come.



**HYMN**

In Thee Is Gladness | ELH 149

**SERMON**

Our Joy in the Gospel Can't Be Stopped | Acts 14:8-22

**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.*

## PREFACE

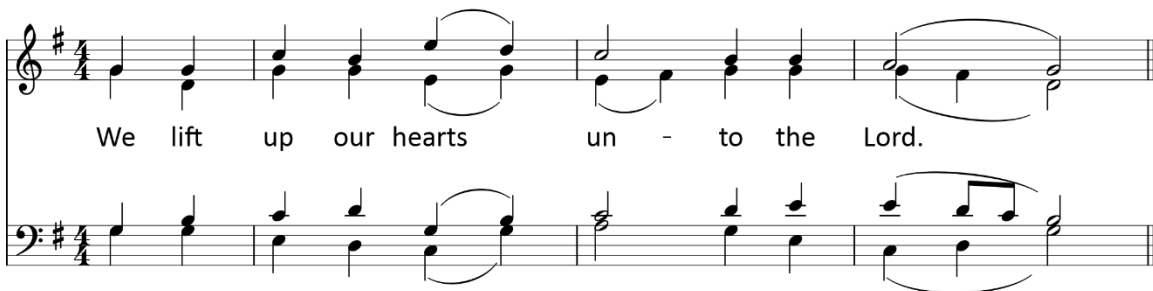
The Lord be with you.



And with your spir - it.

Musical notation for the first part of the Preface. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics "And with your spir - it." are written below the treble staff.

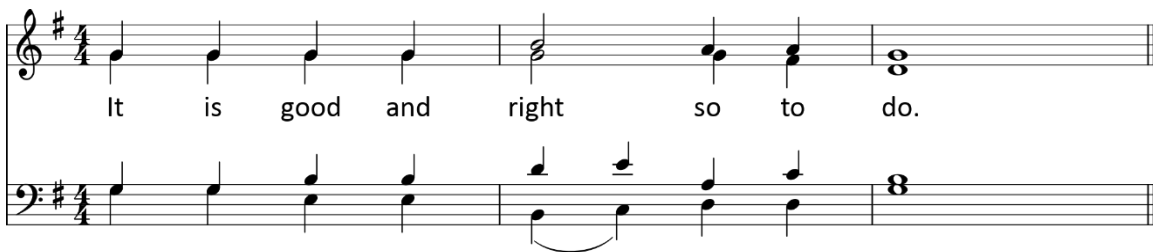
Lift up your hearts unto the Lord.



We lift up our hearts un - to the Lord.

Musical notation for the second part of the Preface. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics "We lift up our hearts un - to the Lord." are written below the treble staff.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



It is good and right so to do.

Musical notation for the third part of the Preface. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics "It is good and right so to do." are written below the treble staff.

## PROPER PREFACE

It is truly good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, but chiefly are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for He is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By His death He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS (HOLY, HOLY, HOLY)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EXHORTATION



## 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.

A - - - men.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD)

O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take a - way the

sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take a - way the

sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us, O Christ, the  
 Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world,  
 grant us Your peace, A - - - men.

**DISTRIBUTION**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice | ELH 378  
 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness | ELH 432

**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.

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

Draw Us to Thee | ELH 581

## PRAYER

O Lord, we render unto You our heartfelt thanks that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death. Amen.

## WE THANK THOSE WHO SERVE

Organist

Katie Hartwig

Communion Assistants

Matt Bindert

Doyle Holbird

Ushers

Greg Miller & Corey Olsen

Devin Krienke & Josh McCabe

Refreshments

Peace Group 5

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### 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
Organ Open Forum	11:30am

### TUESDAY

Solid Grounds	9:00am
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### FRIDAY

Men's Bible Study	6:30am
Pre-K Graduation	10:00am

### SATURDAY

Peace Volunteer Day at N2Y

### SUNDAY

Divine Service	8:30am
Divine Service	10:00am

### UPCOMING

Voters' Meeting	June 5 <sup>th</sup>
Cleaning Day	June 11 <sup>th</sup>

## NEWS & NOTES

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

### VBS REGISTRATION AND VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Register online at [peacemankato.com/vbs-2022](http://peacemankato.com/vbs-2022) or forms are on the table by the office. Volunteers are needed also. Volunteer forms are on the table, too!

### OPEN FORUM ON ORGAN NEED **May 22 | 11:30am**

Discuss new organ need and replacement options.

### PRESCHOOL GRADUATION **May 27 | 10:00am**

Everyone is invited to attend.

### WORSHIP TIME CHANGES FOR SUMMER **May 29-Sept 7**

Sundays at 8:30 & 10am, Wednesdays at 6:00pm.

### ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING **June 5 | 11:00am**

Electing officers, voting on budget, etc. All voters please attend.

### CHURCH CLEANING DAY **June 11 | 8:00am**

Spring cleaning, maintenance & processing firewood. Bring chainsaws, can take firewood home if desired. Some cleaning supplies provided. Groups 1, 2, 3

### FUN DAYS PARADE VOLUNTEERS **July 9 | 11:00am**

Sign up at [peacemankato.com/parade](http://peacemankato.com/parade) to help us spread information about our church!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT BIBLE STUDY – LAST DAY

Today is the last day for this school year. We wish to thank all the teachers for giving the wonderful gift of their time and talents for the youth of our congregation!

We thank: Joanna Bindert, Emily Peters, Kristie Harding, Emily Wolff, Mary Peterson, Carol Wiechmann, Jen Kom, Joel Kom, Eric & Laura Harstad, and Lucas Fricke.

## NEW 2 YOU VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We need one more volunteer for this Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, preferably the afternoon shift. Please contact Lori Pipal if you can help – [loripipal@gmail.com](mailto:loripipal@gmail.com)

## CALL ACCEPTED!

We are happy to announce that Pastor Ben Wiechmann accepted the call to Peace. Installation plans for June are being made and will be shared with you soon.

## 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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