



**The Second Sunday of Easter  
April 16, 2023  
Peace Lutheran Church  
Hutchinson, Minnesota**

**WELCOME**

**6:30pm, 8:30am HYMN 487 (Maroon): Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain  
10:30am Love the Lord, Your God**

**INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

We gather in the name of the risen Lord.

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

We gather as Christian brothers and sisters.

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

We gather to be nurtured and encouraged in Christ through His Word and Presence.

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

We gather to share our faith and to worship God.

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

We gather to proclaim the good news of Easter!

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

**CONFESSION**

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**who made heaven and earth.**

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**10:30am SONG: John 3:16**

**6:30pm, 8:30am This is the Feast (Maroon, Divine Setting One, page 155)**

**Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
Whose blood set us free to be people of God. (Refrain)**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength,  
And honor, blessing and glory are His. (Refrain)**

**Sing with all the people of God,  
And join in the hymn of all creation.  
Blessing, honor, glory and might,  
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (Refrain)**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. (Refrain)**



*Readers: 6:30pm Joanne Keilen; 8:30am Arlene Benshoof; 10:30am Rev. Jeff Miller*

**FIRST READING: Acts 5:12-42**

12 Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. 13 None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. 14 And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, 15 so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. 16 The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. 17 But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy 18 they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. 19 But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, 20 "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." 21 And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.

Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council, all the senate of the people of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. 22 But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, 23 "We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." 24 Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. 25 And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people."

26 Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

27 And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, 28 saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." 29 But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. 30 The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. 31 God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. 32 And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

33 When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. 34 But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. 35 And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. 36 For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. 37 After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. 38 So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; 39 but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, 40 and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. 41 Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. 42 And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ [the Promised Messiah] is Jesus. (ESV)

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

## **SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9**

<sup>3</sup>Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. <sup>7</sup>These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup>Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup>for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (NIV)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 465 (Maroon): Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds**

▲ *Please stand for verse 4 and remain standing for the Gospel Reading.*

**10:30am Lord, I Lift Your Name on High**

**GOSPEL READING: John 20:19-31**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

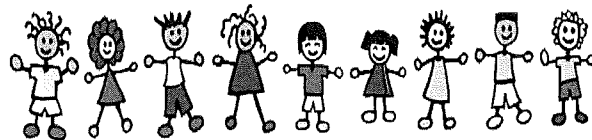
<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. (NIV)

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**THE APOSTLES' CREED - 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will 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.**

**6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 470 (Maroon): O Sons and Daughters of the King**



**10:30am Preschool children sing: Jesus in the Morning**

**Children's Message: Peace and Promise In Jesus! "Life in His Name"**

**Elementary children sing: I Know that My Redeemer Lives  
Children, verses 1, 3, 5, 6; Congregation, verses 2, 4, 7. All: verse 8.**

**MESSAGE**    "Peace Be With You"    Text: John 20:19-31    Pastor Meyer

**OFFERING PRAYER**

*Please sign the friendship pad in the pew and pass it along to others.    As it is passed back to the center aisle, please take the opportunity to note the names of others seated in your pew.*

**PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**6:30pm & 8:30am SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

**Page 198, Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)**

**HYMN 633 (Maroon):    At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing**

**BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.    **Amen.**

**6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 953 (Maroon):    We All Believe in One True God**

**10:30am SONG:    Pass It On**

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**April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00pm, Crow River Singers Concert**

**Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – Youth Lock In**

**May 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm Rite of Confirmation Service**

**May 21, Sunday School Children sing at 8:30am.**

**Last week of Sunday School for children.**

**10:30am Recognition of High School Seniors.**

**May 21 at 4:30pm, "Pipes and Pizza" Organ Recital by Dr. Charles Luedtke**

**Pizza in the Peace Center following the recital**

**May 28<sup>th</sup>, Pentecost and Memorial Day weekend**

**We will honor our veterans by including patriotic selections.**

**June 12-16 Vacation Bible School – Jesus Is My Lifesaver!**

**June 19-23 Garage Sale (will be held in the Peace Center)**

**June 28<sup>th</sup> through August 2<sup>nd</sup>.    Summer Concert Series and Lunch.**

**11:30am Concert and 12:15pm Lunch (\$10).**