

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025
Peace Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, MN

HYMN 457 (Maroon): Jesus Christ is Risen Today

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP (from 1 Corinthians 15:55-57)

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

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us come before God in a time of reflection and confession.

**Lord, we come before You today, acknowledging the weight of our sins,
the many times we have fallen short of Your glory.**

**Though our transgressions are numerous, we find solace in the truth that
Your mercy is greater still.**

**We confess our shortcomings, our pride, our selfishness, and our failures to live
up to Your perfect standard, yet we cling to the promise of Your unending love
and forgiveness.**

**We humbly ask for Your cleansing grace, to wash us clean and renew our hearts,
so that we may walk in Your light and live a life that truly reflects Your
abundant mercy.**

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

HYMN 461 (Maroon): I Know that My Redeemer Lives, v. 1, 2, 5 & 8

**1. I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head.**

**2. He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.**

**5. He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.**

**8. He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives; I know that my Redeemer lives!**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

¹⁷ “For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth,
and the former things shall not be remembered
or come into mind.
¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create;
for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,
and her people to be a gladness.
¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people;
no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping
and the cry of distress.
²⁰ No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not fill out his days,
for the young man shall die a hundred years old,
and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.
²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
²² They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
²³ They shall not labor in vain
or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord,
and their descendants with them.
²⁴ Before they call I will answer;
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
and dust shall be the serpent's food.
They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain,” says the Lord.
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Reading, I Corinthians 15:19-26

¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.
²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For
as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so
also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his
coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the
Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his
enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**1. Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim For the world's salvation bled—
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, Now is risen from the dead.**

**2. Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:
See the ancient pow'rs of evil In confusion and retreat;
Once He died, and once was buried: Now He lives forevermore,
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, Whom we worship and adore.**

**▲ 3. Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high:
Alleluia to the Savior Who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia To the triune Majesty!**

The Gospel Reading, Luke 24:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵ And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here, but has risen.

Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." ⁸ And they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹ but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

His Mercy Is More

**1. What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more**

**Chorus: Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more**

2. What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father, so tender, is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more. Chorus.

3. What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more. Chorus.

SERMON Praise the Lord! His Mercy Is More! Pastor Weber

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.

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

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.

6:30 & 8:30am Hosanna Handbells: Christ the Lord Is Risen Again

10:30am Peace Singers: Resurrection Victory

PRAYERS and THE LORD'S PRAYER

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

HYMN 821 (Maroon): Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

HYMN 464 (Maroon): The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

HYMN 466 (Maroon): Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

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.**

HYMN 478 (Maroon): The Day of Resurrection, Verses 1-3

Worship Schedule & Events

This morning, 7:30am-10:00am. Easter Breakfast

**11:45am Wednesday Lunch and Bible Study with Pastor Weber
April 23rd & 30th, May 14th & 21st.**

Weekend of April 26th-27th, Normal worship/class schedule

Sunday, May 4th

9:40am No Adult Bible Study.

10:30am Confirmation service in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, May 7th

Rootbeer & Bells. 5:30pm dinner, 6:30pm program with Handbells

Sunday, May 11th

Normal worship schedule. Children sing at 8:30am

9:40am Sunday School End of the Year Reception

Sunday, May 18th

Recognition of High School Seniors

10:00am reception, 10:30am worship

June 9-13, Monday through Friday

Vacation Bible School – Fruit of the Spirit

9:00am-11:30am each day