



**The Second Sunday of Easter
April 12, 2026
Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, Minnesota**

**6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 465 (Maroon): Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds
10:30am SONG: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee**

INVOCATION, CALL TO WORSHIP and CONFESSION

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

If Christ has not been raised, then we are still in our sins.

But Christ is risen! And our sins are forgiven.

If Christ has not been raised, then there is no hope of eternal life.

But Christ is risen! And we will be raised up to live forever with him!

If Christ has not been raised, those that have died in Christ are lost.

But Christ is risen! And they too will rise!

If Christ has not been raised, then Satan has won.

But Christ is risen! And Satan has no power over us!

If Christ has not been raised, then He is not the Lord.

But Christ is risen! And Jesus is our Lord forever!

If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is useless.

But Christ is risen! And we proclaim Him to everyone!

If Christ has not been raised, then our faith is in vain.

But Christ is risen! And those who believe in Him will never be put to shame.

If Christ has not been raised, we are to be pitied more than all men.

But Christ is risen! And in Him we rejoice more than all men!

Therefore, brothers and sisters in Christ, let us confess our sins and failures before the Lord, because He is risen, and He promises to forgive us.

Lord, God, the empty tomb shows your immense power and greatness. By contrast, we are weak and powerless, and our hearts go astray so easily. We have repeatedly fallen into temptation and disobeyed your commands. Fill us with the power of Your resurrection! Forgive us our failures. Help us to live a new life for you and, on the last day, raise us up to live forever with You. Amen.

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.**

HYMN 461 (Maroon): I Know that My Redeemer Lives, v. 1, 6 & 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.**

**6. He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest and King.**

**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!**



Readers: 6:30pm Corinne Higgins; 8:30am Lynn Brown; 10:30am Bennett Oberg

FIRST READING: Acts 5:29-42

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 is Jesus. (ESV)

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

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (ESV)

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▲ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, Alleluia Give Thanks

**Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name.
Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen.
Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name.**

GOSPEL READING: John 20:19-31

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

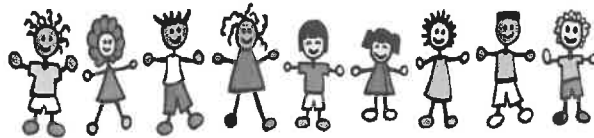
¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. (ESV)

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



Children's Message

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

10:30am SONG: You Are My All in All

MESSAGE "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7) 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.

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.

Welcoming New Members

PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

10:30am SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

SONG: Amazing Grace / My Chains Are Gone

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 525 (Maroon): Crown Him with Many Crowns



Sunday, April 26 at 9:40am Sunday School end of the year Reception

Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 10:30am Confirmation Service

Wednesday, May 6. Rootbeer & Bells. 5:30pm Dinner & 6:30pm Concert.

Sunday, May 17 at 10:00am. Recognition of High School Seniors

June 8-12 Vacation Bible School. 9:00-11:30am. Fishers of Men.

Wednesday, June 24 - 40th Anniversary of Summer Concerts Series.