

## Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, please remember the following things when you come to church:

Masks are required: If you don't have a mask, we have disposable and re-usable available

Please socially distance in the sanctuary: Families can sit together with no restrictions; Please sit every other pew (sit where there are no chains) & stay six feet apart

Offerings: Leave your offering in the plates at the end of the aisle

Please use the hand sanitizer when you enter the building and whenever you touch any commonly touched surface

Wash your hands with soap and water frequently and try to not touch your face

ORGANIST: J. Bartel ELDER: J. Lichtenberg SOUND: K. Bohn



Parents of Young Children: There are busy bags for your children to use during church on the table with the bulletins. Please take the bag and its contents home with you.



Alleluia! Christ is Risen! In the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, we welcome you to Peace Lutheran Church on this Easter morning! We pray that the message of Jesus' resurrection from the dead fills your heart with faith in Christ and confidence in his gracious gifts of forgiveness and eternal life.

Since this message is the basis for all Bible teachings, we are glad you have come that your joy, hope, faith and worship of God might continue and increase. May your Easter be a truly happy one as you are reminded of our Lord's triumph over sin, death and the devil.

All the words the congregation speaks are in **bold print** in this service folder.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Bearing our guilt and suffering our verdict,

the Son of Man died, but three days later he rose in glory.

As a result, fear is gone, mankind is redeemed, and Christ calls us

his own brothers and sisters.

#### The Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ



#### Easter Acclamation

People of God - Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

I will not die, but live,

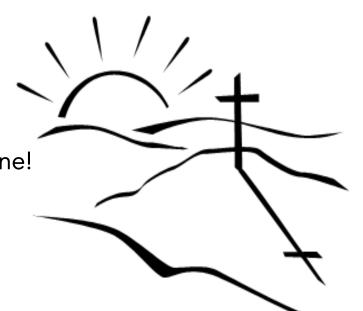
And proclaim what the Lord has done!

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



#### Opening Responses from Scripture

I will sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

Let us come before him with thanksgiving, and extol him with music and song.

The Lord's right hand is majestic in power. The Lord's right hand has shattered the enemy. In the greatness of his majesty he threw down those who opposed him.

Death has been swallowed up in victory.

The Lord will not abandon me to the grave. He has made known to me the path of life.

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.

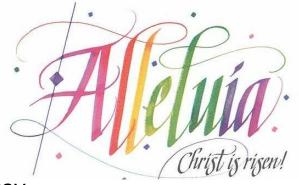
The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever.

Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



#### The Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in the newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be dominion and praise now and forever. Amen.

#### The Scripture Isaiah 25:6-9

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of Armies will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of aged wines, with the best cuts of meat, and with the finest wines. <sup>7</sup>On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that covers all peoples, the burial cloth stretched over all nations. <sup>8</sup> He has swallowed up death forever! The LORD God will wipe away the tears from every face. He will take away the shame of his people throughout the earth. For the LORD has spoken. <sup>9</sup>On that day it will be said, "Look, here is our God! We waited for him, and he saved us! This is the LORD! We waited for him. Let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation!"

#### This is the Word of the Lord. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



Hymn 147

Like the Golden Sun Ascending



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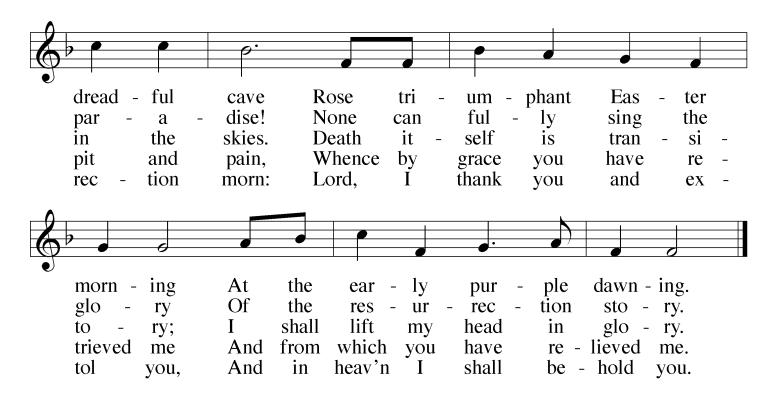
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Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703, abr.; tr. George A. T. Rygh, 1860–1942, alt.

Tune: WERDE MUNTER (87 87 77 88) Johann Schop, c. 1590–1667.

#### The Scripture 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

<sup>19</sup> If our hope in Christ applies only to this life, we are the most pitiful people of all.

<sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For since death came by a man, the resurrection of the dead also is going to come by a man. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam they all die, so also in Christ they all will be made

alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ as the firstfruits and then Christ's people, at his coming. <sup>24</sup> Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has done away with every other ruler and every other authority and power.

<sup>25</sup> For he must reign "until he has put all his enemies under his feet." <sup>26</sup> Death is the last enemy to be done away with.

# This is the Word of the Lord. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

#### I Am Content! My Jesus Lives Again Hymn 158 Je - sus lives 1 I My whom my con - tent! a - gain, In am my head; His I am con - tent! My Je - sus is mem - ber 3 I con - tent! MvJe - sus is my light, My ra - diant am 4 I con - tent! Lord, set ev - er free And wake me am me pleased. ful - filled He has the law of God for heart is I will be. He bowed his head when the cross he on beam bless-ings forth of His cheer - ing for sun grace. rays the dead That rise for - ev - er - more from I may to God's wrath he has ap - peased. Since he in me; died With cries of Now death is ag O ny. Eas - ter all: Sweet This com - fort. hope, and peace. With liv head. The chains that be ing you, my I death could per - ish nev - er, al shall SO not For brought in - to sub - jec - tion by his me, too. And has brought sal - va - tion last sun ev - er ing hold bod Then shall my my sev - er; soul У, re die I for - ev - er. I am con-tent! am con - tent! ur - rec-tion. I I res am con-tent! am con - tent! I I ul ta - tion. con-tent! ex am am con - tent! I joice for - ev - er. I am con-tent! con - tent! am

Text: Johann J. Möller, 1660–1733, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt. Tune: Es ist genug (10 6 10 6 99 44) Johann R. Ahle, 1625–73, alt.

#### The Scripture Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so they could go and anoint Jesus. <sup>2</sup> Very early on the first day of the week, at sunrise, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup> They were saying to each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance to the tomb for us?" <sup>4</sup> When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away.

<sup>5</sup> As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup> He said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

<sup>8</sup>They went out and hurried away from the tomb, trembling and perplexed. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

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#### Hymn 161 Chris

#### Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands



Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt.

Tune: CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN (87 87 78 74) Latin melody, c. 1100, adapt.

#### <u>Sermon</u> Certain Hope for Uncertain Times

#### Gathering of the Thank Offering

Due to the pandemic, we will not be passing the plate. Please leave your offering in either plate at the end of the aisle.

#### Prayer of the Church

Almighty and merciful God, on this glorious day we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Increase our faith that the grace of the empty tomb may fill our lives and make us glad each day. When we are weak be our strength, when we are sad be our song, and when we sin be our salvation.

Remove the shroud of death from all who mourn. In moments of grief call believers through the voice of our Good Shepherd, and embolden us to follow his promises. In their hopelessness of despair turn the faithless to trust in the only Way, Truth, and Life. Wipe away tears born of death, and give new birth to a living hope in the hearts of the lost and troubled. Use our witness as compassion and comfort for others in need of mercy.

King of kings and Lord of lords, destroy all dominion, authority, and power that stands against you, whether seen or unseen. Whatever evil exerts itself against your saving will–false teaching or lukewarm faith, Satan's lies or worldly pleasures, empty worship or futile religion–rule it for the sake of the gospel's free course. Triumph over our enemies, and empower the Church to fight the good fight to the end. Never leave us or forsake us.

Walk among our churches, O Living One, as the faithful witness and firstborn from the dead. As your angel sent women with news of the risen Christ, call women in our church to announce, "He is risen!" As you sent your disciples with the power of the Spirit, use all of us to share with a broken and dying world the news of your eternal victory.

Empower us to speak your truth and love to our circles of friends, relatives, and neighbors. Bless our efforts to help others to trust the certain hope that Easter promises.

Heavenly Father keep the baptized united with your Son in his resurrection. Put to death the fleshly urges of those caught in addictions, clothe in your righteousness anyone ashamed of good intentions which have fallen short, and assure those searching for purpose that their eternal identity as your dear children is sealed. Thank you for the power of baptism working in our lives, and for the certainty of its promises through the resurrection. Enrich us with everything we need for life and godliness.

O Lord of life, you have done mighty things for us! We pray through him who is the Beginning and the End, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

His name is above every name, to the glory of God the Father! Amen.

#### The Lord's Prayer

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. Amen.



#### Hymn 152

#### I Know that My Redeemer Lives



- 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.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death. He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.
- 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!"

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–99, abr.

Tune: DUKE STREET (LM) attr. John C. Hatton, d. 1793.

#### Closing Prayer

Almighty God, you give us the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection. Give us also the joys of life in your service, and bring us at last to the full joy of life eternal, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

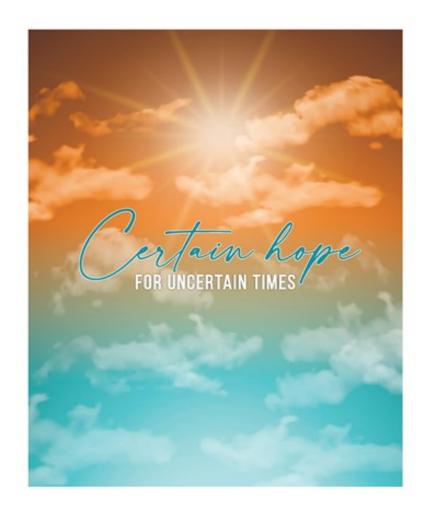
#### **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.



#### Hymn 157

#### Jesus Christ is Risen Today



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- 1 Je sus Christ is ris'n to day,
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing,
- 3 But the pains which he en dured,
- 4 Sing we to our God a bove,



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Un - to Christ, our heav'n-ly King, Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured,

Praise e - ter - nal as his love,



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Who did once up - on the cross, Who en - dured the cross and grave, Now a - bove the sky he's King, Praise him, all you heav'n-ly host,

Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re-deem our loss, Sin - ners to re-deem and save, Where the an-gels ey - er sing

Where the an-gels ev - er sing, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin hymn, 14th century, st. 1-3; Charles Wesley, 1707–88, st. 4; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708, st. 1-3, alt. Tune: EASTER HYMN (77 77 with Alleluias) *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708, alt.



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Hymn 150 Text: Latin sequence, 11th century, abr.; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1809-81, alt. Tune LLANFAIR (777 77 with Alleluias) Robert Williams, C. 1781-1821

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#### We're Live!

If you can't make it church for worship, you now have the option of joining us LIVE every Sunday on our Facebook page! We are able to live stream and will do so every Sunday at 9 am. If you miss it, you can always go back and watch later!



Be sure to "like" our Facebook page and start watching live! Please see Kevin Bohn with any questions or concerns!



#### To everyone who has donated to the Peace Pantry:

THANK YOU! Your support of our pantry makes such a difference to our community! We are still accepting donations. You can place donations on the table next to the refrigera-

tor in the fellowship hall.

To protect our membership and the community, if you are in need of food or items from the pantry, please call the church office to arrange a time to pick up a pre-packed bag/box. The Peace Pantry is open during regular office hours during the week and by appointment.

Christian Stewardship means sharing God's gifts and talents that were given to us—sharing our time, talents, and treasures!

The Stewardship Committee, together with the Building Grounds Committee, is starting a campaign to raise funds to re-pave our parking lot. Together we can raise enough money to beautify and most importantly provide a safe parking lot for our congregation and visitors. Prayerfully consider making an offering to this important fund! Be sure to mark your offering "Parking Lot Fund" to ensure it gets to the right place.

Please see Fred Bohlmann (414-975-2651) for more information.

#### Calendar

SUN 4/4 Easter Sunday

Easter Sunrise Worship 7 am

Easter Festival 9 am

TUES 4/6 Bible Class 9 am

Elders' Meeting 10:15 am

WED 4/7 Red Cross Blood Drive 12-5:30 pm

Catechism 6 pm

THURS 4/8 Circle of Peace 12:30 pm

Worship w/ Communion 6:30 pm

SUN 4/11 Confirmation Sunday

Worship w/ communion 9 am

Sunday School 10:15 am Council Meeting 10:15 am

#### **Red Cross Blood Drive**

Wednesday, April 7 12-5:30 pm Sign up by calling 800-RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org We need volunteers to man the registration table! If you would like to help for an hour or the entire afternoon, please see Christine in the office.



If you wish to donate flowers to beautify the altar on Sundays or Thursdays, please use the sign up sheet on the bulletin board next to Pastor's office.

Please call Doreen Walton at 920- 647-0682 with questions.

#### **Paint Class**



Join us for a paint class on Monday, April 12 at 2 pm or 6:30 pm for a paint class taught by Sheryl Bohlmann.

The cost is \$10 per person to cover supplies) and a pantry item for the Peace Pantry. For more information, please see Sheryl Bohlmann (414-975-0179).

### 2021 Virtual Men of His Word Conference Saturday, April 17



Even though we can't meet together in person, we invite you to join up to 500 other men for a virtual Men of His Word Conference. Our keynote and two presenters will remind us that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ (Romans 8:35) which also binds us to one another.

The Virtual MOHW Conference will be held online, with the theme, "Separated Yet United". Additional details and online registration (\$15) are available at <a href="https://www.menofhisword.org">www.menofhisword.org</a>.' Please join us for a day of virtual fellowship in God's Word!



