

Blessed
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and yet have
believed.

John 20:29

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 12, 2026

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME TO PEACE! If you are a guest, please fill out the Visitor side of one of the attendance cards found in the pew rack. Let us know if you would like us to contact you. We are happy to have you worshipping with us today!

NEWS AND NOTES for this week can be found on the Commons Counter. Please take one home to stay informed about upcoming events at Peace Lutheran Church.

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Opening Voluntary

*Opening Hymn

LSB 480 He's Risen, He's Risen



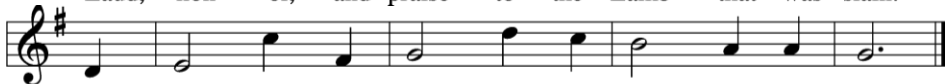
1 He's ris - en, He's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;
2 The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry
3 But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose,
4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
 Δ 5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;



He o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate, true Word.
The Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree.
And death, hell, and Sa - tan He van - quished, His foes.
Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den's door.
Pro - claim the blest tid - ings that all may re - joice.



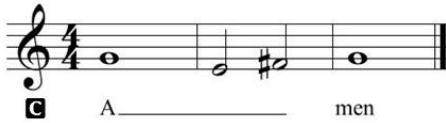
Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song
In Sa - tan's do - main did the hosts shout and jeer,
The con - quer - ing Lord lifts His ban - ner on high;
For all our trans - gres - sions His blood does a - tone;
Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:



And earth, sea, and moun - tain their prais - es pro - long.
For Je - sus was slain, whom the e - vil ones fear.
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nev - er - more die.
Re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are His own.
With Fa - ther and Spir - it He ev - er shall reign.

***Invocation** *The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.



***Opening Sentences**

P Alleluia! We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.

C **Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

P I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever.

C **On the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate, and I will declare Your greatness.**

***Confession of Sins**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

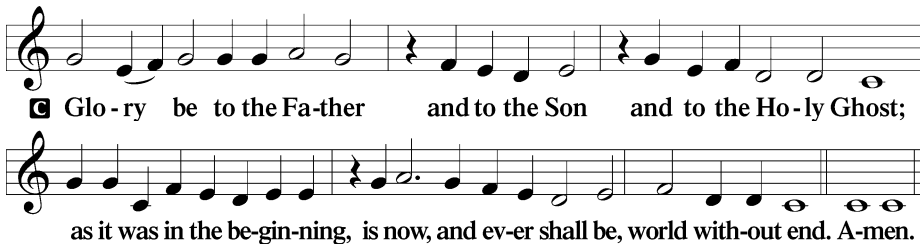
P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.


C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

***Absolution**




***Gloria Patri**






G Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

***Kyrie**





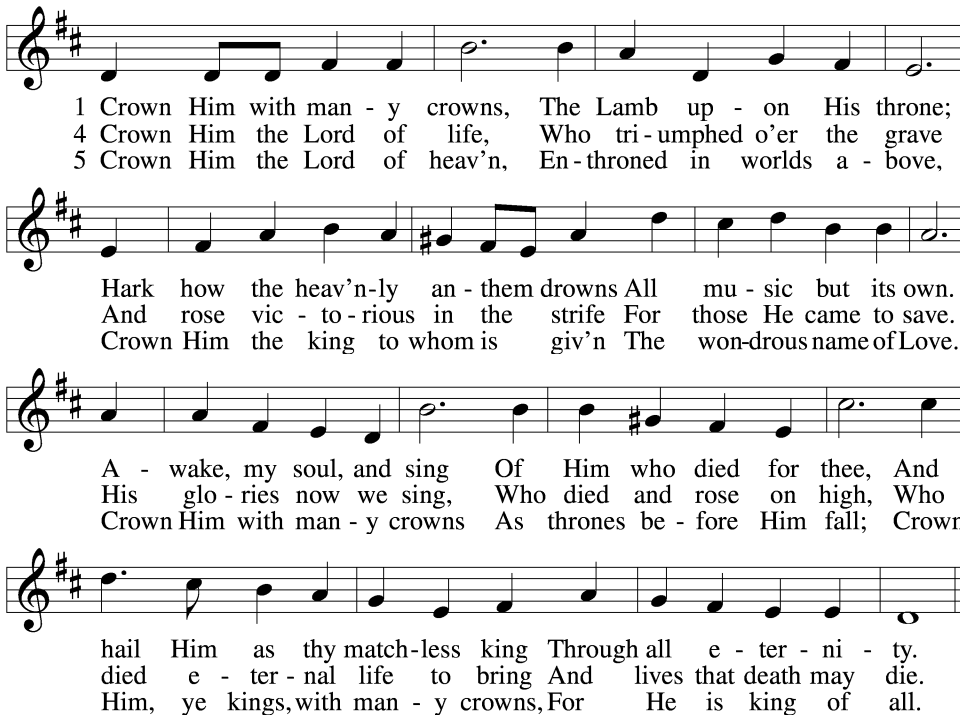
G Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -




 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

***Hymn of Praise**

LSB 525 Crown Him with Many Crowns






 1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;

 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave


 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,



 Hark how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.

 And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.


 Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won - drous name of Love.



 A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And

 His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who

 Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



 hail Him as thy match - less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

 died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.

 Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

*Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.



C A - men.

First Reading

Acts 5:29-42

But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. 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. And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. 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. 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. 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; 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, 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. Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Peter 1:3–9

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, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, 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. 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, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Alleluia



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

*Holy Gospel

John 20:19–31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

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.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. 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.”

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.” 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.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

*Apostles' Creed

C 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.**

Children's Message

Seminarian Kurtis Hankemeier

Hymn of the Day

LSB 470 O Sons and Daughters of the King



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly
2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, The faith - ful
3 An an - gel clad in white they see, Who sits and
4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; A - mong them
5 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard That they had



hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!
wom - en went their way To seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.
speaks un - to the three, "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."
came their mas - ter dear And said, "My peace be with you here."
seen the ris - en Lord, He doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Sermon

Seminarian Joshua Kastens

Sermon Notes:

Gathering of the Offering *Please fill out an attendance card and place in the offering plate*

Offertory Hymn

LSB 470 O Sons and Daughters of the King



6 "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see, And look up -
7 No long - er Thom - as then de - nied; He saw the
8 How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose
9 On this most ho - ly day of days Be laud and



on My hands, My feet; Not faith-less but be - liev - ing be."
feet, the hands, the side; "You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
faith has con-stant been, For they e - ter - nal life shall win.
ju - bi - lee and praise: To God your hearts and voic - es raise.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Prayer of the Church

*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.**

*Benediction

- P** 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 \dagger give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

*Hymn to Depart

LSB 482 This Joyful Eastertide



- 1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and
2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the
3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son



sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,
riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill
slum - ber Till trump from east to west



Has sprung to life this mor - row:
My pass - ing soul de - liv - er:
Shall wake the dead in num - ber:

Refrain



Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day pris - on,



Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris - en; But now has Christ a - ris - en!

*Silent Prayer

Closing Voluntary

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Elders: **5:00:** Art Hoeflerlin, Alan Hopfer; **8:00:** Jeff Akers, Kyle Hopfer;

9:20: Aaron Baese, Mark Dowell; **10:30:** Jerry Grant, John Hooss

Ushers: **5:00:** Team #13 – Craig Owen, Captain; **8:00:** Team #2 – Tom Johnson, Captain;

9:20: Team #12 – Chris Hosty, Captain; **10:30:** Team #5 – Kyle Sandersfeld, Captain

Acolytes: **8:00:** Andrew Lunsford; **10:30:** Nicolette Henson

CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY

The *Faith & Life Survey* will provide direction and prioritization for future ministry and faith formation at **Peace** and in **your own home**.

The *Faith & Life Survey* is...

- Anonymous
- About 30 Minutes to Complete

Scan this QR
code to take
the survey





Married Couples Club
“MAKE YOUR OWN PIZZA”
CONTEST
Saturday, April 18
6:00PM
in the gym

Prize awarded for the “Best Pizza!”

Teams of four (two couples) will make their best pizza. More details in the News and Notes. Cost is \$10 per couple.

Ladies Club
CHALK DRAWING NIGHT
Tuesday, April 21
7:00PM
Sanctuary Hall

We will be welcoming local artist Carla Krazl who will step us through a chalk drawing of a Cardinal.
Cost is \$10 per person.