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**EASTER BLESSINGS
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**EASTER WORSHIP
APRIL 9
9:30 A.M.**

In-person & Live-stream



ALLELUIA!
He is Risen

**EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 9, 2023
Peace Lutheran Church, ELCA**

WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Whether you are joining us in-person or on-line we are blessed to have you worshipping with us today. We pray that our time of worship together further encourages and strengthens our call to discipleship.

MISSION STATEMENT

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we share God's grace and mercy. We welcome and encourage all to grow with us in God's kingdom through praise, worship, and service.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

PRELUDE

Easter Alleluia

Brenda Peck—Organ; Jeremy Peck—Trumpet; Marleigh Andrews-Conrad—Trombone
Michael Horn—Trombone

+ GATHERING +

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GATHERING HYMN

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

ELW #365



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



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 9**

**EASTER EGG HUNT
AFTER 9:30A.M.
WORSHIP!!!**



ALTAR FLOWERS

WE ARE TAKING ORDERS FOR 2023 ALTAR FLOWERS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF OR IN HONOR OF A PERSON OR EVENT IN THE COMING YEAR PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE. YOU CAN ALSO SIGN UP FOR FLOWERS ON OUR WEBSITE IN THE MEMBERS' SECTION. FLOWERS ARE \$35.00. **MANY DATES STILL AVAILABLE!**

Pastoral
CARE

PASTORAL CARE

If you would like a visit from **Pastor Mary** or you have a pastoral emergency please call pastor on her **cell phone** at **920.671.4338**. you may also leave a message on the office phone

Easter Lilies sponsored by:

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who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4
Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

GREETING

Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us be glad and rejoice in it.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Refrain



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

RESURRECTION TRULY BRINGS LIFE TO EVERYONE. WE SING HYMNS OF PRAISE, GATHER AROUND SACRED WORDS, AND PROCLAIM GOD'S FAITHFULNESS, POWER, AND LOVE IN THE FEAST OF HOLY COMMUNION. WITH THE WOMEN AT THE TOMB, WE ARE ASTONISHED, ELATED, AND GRATEFUL. WE DEPART WITH JOY TO PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S ENDLESS LOVE.

THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS:

PETE ELLERTSEN, DEBI ELLERTSEN, JUDY BARHOOVER, MICK BUCHLER, TOM CHRISTELL, PAULA TONELLATO, MIKE SCADUTO, NORM KOEFOED, TOM ZUPANSIC, DALE KRUCKEBERG

If you would like to be added to the prayer list, or know someone who would like to be added to our list, please fill out a Prayer Request Card, send an email to peace.lutheran@comcast.net OR call the Office at (217)546-7646. Please note—for privacy reasons, we must have an individual's permission to add their name.

ZOOM MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK

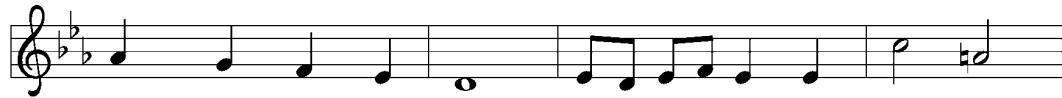
SUNDAY, APRIL 9	IN PERSON WORSHIP/LIVESTREAM—9:30AM
MONDAY, APRIL 10	PROPERTY COMMITTEE—6:00PM
	QUILTERS—6:00PM
TUESDAY, APRIL 11	COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE—5:30PM ZOOM
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12	QUILTERS—8:30AM-NOON
	FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE—5:30PM
SUNDAY, APRIL 16	IN PERSON WORSHIP/LIVESTREAM—9:30AM
	BAPTISM OF LILLIAN MARGARET GIESWEIN—9:30AM
	FAITH FORMATION—10:30AM

ASSISTING THE WEEK OF APRIL 9:

PRESIDING: REV. MARY E. ZUPANSIC	CAMERA: JANET KOCIS
ASSISTING MINISTER: DOUG MCFARLAN	POWERPOINT: LINDA RICE
MUSICIAN: BRENDA PECK	FELLOWSHIP: FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE
JEREMY PECK, MARLEIGH ANDREWS-CONRAD, MIKE HORN	
USHERS: CHERYL SCHNIRRING, LINDA SHUDROWITZ	
FLOWERS: TO THE GLORY OF GOD	



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan



where thy bod - y lay. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring
death hath lost its sting! to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939
Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God.

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ABOUT THIS WEEKS TEXT

THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE! CHRIST IS RISEN, AND THROUGH HIM ALL CREATION IS MADE NEW! INDEED, "GOD SHOWS NO PARTIALITY" (ACTS 10:34): CHRIST'S



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

+ WORD +

READING: Acts 10:34-43

A reading from Acts.

Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to all people.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he

is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Word of God. Word of life.
Thanks be to God.

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

To Be Alive

G C D
To be a - live is to live — the love — that is a -

3 G C D G C
-live in God's sav - ing son who brought us back from a life —

6 Last time to Coda ☪ **VERSE**
D G C D C G D
— of death — to be a - live! 1. There is noth-ing I —
2. Join the sing-ing, join.

10 C G C D C G D
— can do to save me. — On - ly God car - ries us home. So we live mer-
— the cel - e - bra - tion. — Je - sus lives; we — are re-stored. Love a - live, giv -

14 C G
- cy, hope, and free - dom, — lov - ing an - oth - er
- ing and for - giv - ing, — lov - ing an - oth - er

16 F D^{sus} D D.C. al Coda
to be whole. To be a -
to be whole.

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION SONG/HYMN

I Will Rise

Bread of Life from Heaven

ELW #474

vv. 1, 3 & 5

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Gracious God,
in you we live and move and have our being.
With your word and this meal of grace,
you have nourished our life together.
Strengthen us to show your love
and serve the world in Jesus' name.
Amen.

BLESSING

The God of all,
who raised ☩ Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Thine is the Glory

ELW #376

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

Thanks be to God.

LAMB OF GOD

ELW P. 191

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

19 Coda
G C D G
- live!

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SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from Colossians.

Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection re-shapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.

¹If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

ELW #172

Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 28:1-10

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 28th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Sorrow gives way to “fear and great joy” when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Mary E. Zupansic

MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia

ELW #369



- 1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
- 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
- 3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
- 4 Chris-tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; Broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life
As we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come Holy Spirit.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW P. 190

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
 Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
 God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!

of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
 when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!

at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
 met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807-1882, alt.
 Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1781-1821

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*
 On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Risen Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

THE SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

+ THE MEAL +

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CHOIR ANTHEM "Crown the Resurrection Day" Jeremy Peck—Trumpet

OFFERING HYMN *Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful* ELW P. 184



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble



with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927
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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us Pray. Generous God,
in this meal you offer your very self.
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.
In the breaking of this bread
reveal to us the Risen One.
In the pouring of this wine
pour us out in service to the world;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.