

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 21, 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.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.

In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation. Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

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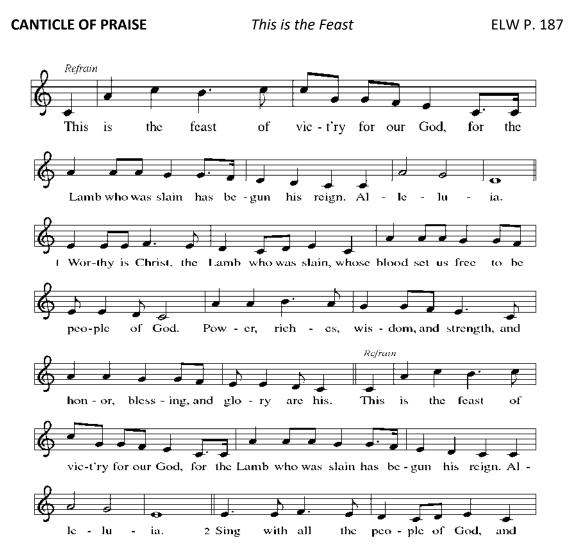
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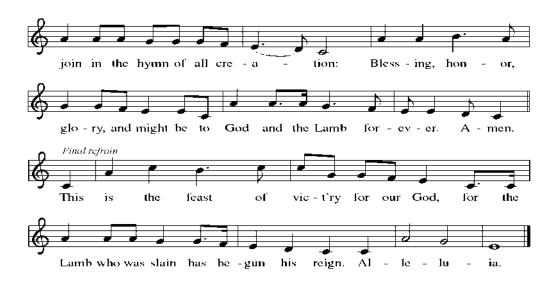
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GREETING

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.**





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING ACTS 1:6-14

A reading from Acts.

Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension, in which he promises that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this,

as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

PSALM: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

¹Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered;

let those who hate God flee.

- ²As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away;
- as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;

let them also be merry and joyful.

⁴Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds;

I AM is that name, rejoice before God!

⁵In your holy habitation, O God,

you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

⁶you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live in desert places.

⁷O God, when you went forth before your people,

when you marched through the wilderness,

⁸the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

⁹You sent a bountiful rain, O God;

you restored your inheritance when it languished.

¹⁰Your people found their home in it;

in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

³²Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;

sing praises to the Lord.

³³You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens; you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.

³⁴Ascribe power to God,

whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

³⁵How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel, giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!

SECOND READING 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

A reading from 1 Peter.

Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us.

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6}Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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Music: Caribbean traditional

GOSPEL: John 17:1-11

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

¹After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

| HYMN OF THE DAY | I Come With Joy a Child of God | ELW #482 |
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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

Prayers are offered for the church, the world, and all creation. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

THE SHARING OF PEACE

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



SPECIAL MUSIC A

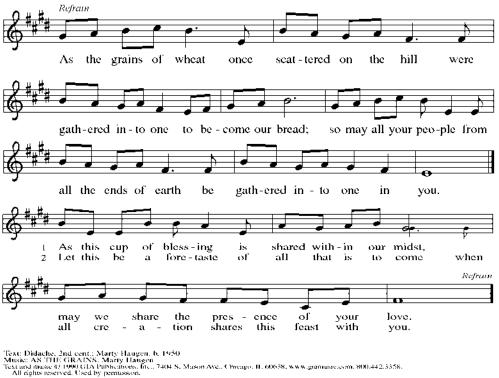
AMAZING GRACE

Jim Turner—Clarinet Jane Turner—Piano

+ MEAL +

OFFERING OF TITHES & GIFTS

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

PREFACE

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.

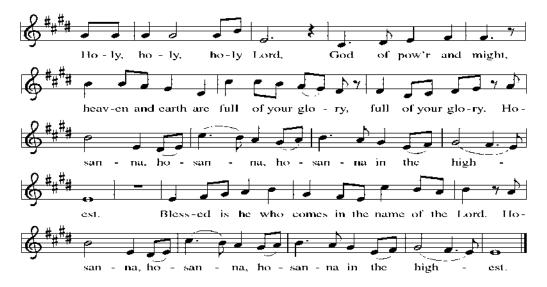
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures,

and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath. **We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future. **We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now. We thank you, O God.

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.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **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.

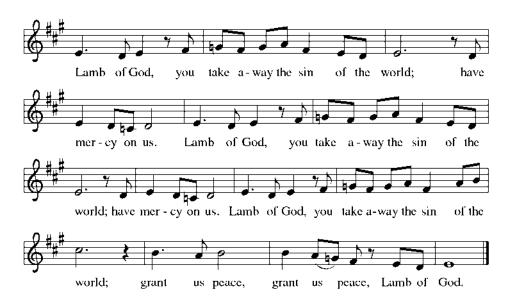
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you. Thanks be to God.

LAMB OF GOD

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CONTEMPORARY/ COMMUNION HYMNS Make Us OneWe Come to the Hungry FeastELW #479Eat This BreadELW #472

TABLE BLESSING

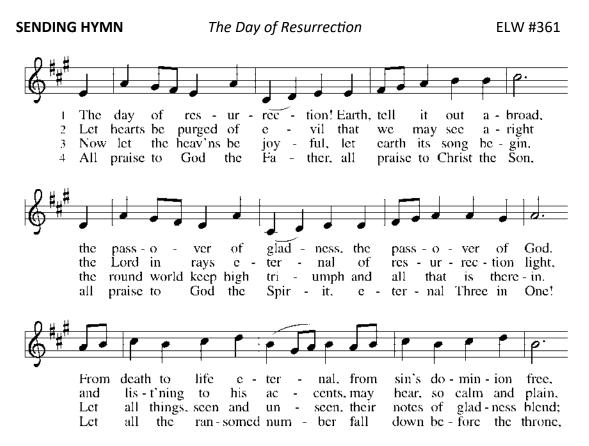
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ Strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.





Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig. *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833-

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve in Love. Thanks be to God.

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ABOUT THIS WEEKS TEXT

IN THESE DAYS BETWEEN ASCENSION AND PENTECOST, WE GATHER WITH THE DIS-CIPLES IN THE UPPER ROOM, WAITING FOR THE SPIRIT TO TRANSFORM THE CHURCH AROUND THE WORLD. IN TODAY'S GOSPEL JESUS PRAYS FOR HIS FOLLOWERS AND FOR THEIR MISSION IN HIS NAME. AMID RELIGIOUS, SOCIAL, AND ECONOMIC DIVI-SIONS, WE SEEK THE UNITY THAT JESUS HAD WITH HIS FATHER. MADE ONE IN BAP-TISM, WE GO FORTH TO LIVE OUR FAITH IN THE WORLD, EAGER FOR THE UNITY THAT GOD INTENDS FOR THE WHOLE HUMAN FAMILY.

THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS:

PETE ELLERTSEN, DEBI ELLERTSEN, MICK BUCHLER, PAULA TONELLATO, NORM KOEFOED, ANGELA GRIFFIN, RITA HOSTO, FAMILY OF JANET KOCIS UPON THE PASSING OF HER HUSBAND, PETE

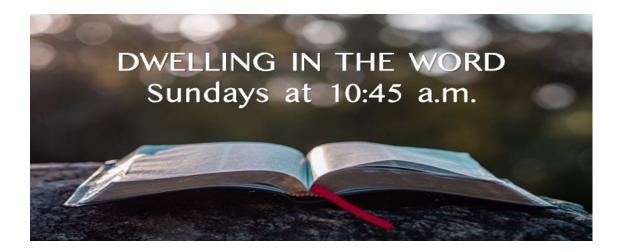
If you would like to be added to the prayer list, or know someone who would like to be added to our list, please fill out a Prayer Request Card, send an email to peace.lutheran@comcast.net OR call the Office at (217)546-7646. Please note—for privacy reasons, we must have an individual's permission to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

ASSISTING THE WEEK OF MAY 21:

PRESIDING:REV. MARY E. ZUPANSICCAMERA:JANET KOCISASSISTING MINISTER:ELIZABETH MITCHELLPOWERPOINT:LINDA RICEMUSICIAN:BRENDA PECKFELLOWSHIP:JEAN NEPTUNEUSHERS:CHERYL SCHNIRRING, ANDREA BERRYMANHOLLY HANSONFLOWERS:JANE TURNERIN MEMORY OF TIMOTHY TURNER

ZOOM MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, MAY 21IN PERSON WORSHIP/LIVESTREAM—9:30AM
FAITH FORMATION—10:30AM
DWELLING IN THE WORD—10:45AM
END OF YEAR PICNIC —11:00AM
IN PERSON WORSHIP/LIVESTREAM—9:30AM
CONFIRMATION OF CARTER HOWARD KIM—9:30AM
DWELLING IN THE WORD—10:45AM



NEW MEMBER CLASS Sunday June 11th 10:45 a.m.



SEE PASTOR MARY IF INTERESTED



COMMUNITY SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

As winter comes to an end and spring arrives, our committee continues to plan on Lutheran World Relief projects for this summer and fall. School sling bags are being sewn and quilts continue to be pieced and tied. At the end of July, everyone can begin looking for "back to school" sales for the items we place in the sling bags. Health kit items will be collected in September. If there are "sewers" out there who would like to help with quilts or sewing the sling bags, please let Sandy Barker know and she will give you information.





ST. PAUL WRITES IN 1 CORINTHIANS: NOW THERE ARE VARIETIES OF GIFTS, BUT THE SAME SPIRIT; AND THERE ARE VARIETIES OF SERVICE, BUT THE SAME LORD; AND THERE ARE VARIE-TIES OF ACTIVITIES, BUT IT IS THE SAME GOD WHO EMPOWERS THEM ALL IN EVERYONE. TO EACH IS GIVE THE MANIFESTATION OF THE SPIRIT FOR THE COMMON GOOD. (1COR 12:4-7) LAST FALL, YOU WERE INVITED TO CONSIDER OFFERING AN "ESTIMATE OF FINANCIAL GIVING" TO SUPPORT THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH. AS A FOLLOW UP TO THE OFFERING OF OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS, THE STEWARDSHIP COM-MITTEE INVITES ALL DISCIPLE/MEMBERS AT PEACE LUTHERAN TO SHARE YOUR GIFTS OF TIME AND TALENTS WITH THIS CONGREGATION, SO THAT WE MIGHT BUILD UP THE KINGDOM OF GOD. A COPY OF THE TIME & TALENT SURVEY IS LOCATED ON PAGE 21. PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY AND RETURN IT TO THE CHURCH OFFICE.



PASTORAL CARE

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A VISIT FROM PASTOR MARY OR YOU HAVE A PASTORAL EMER-GENCY PLEASE CALL PASTOR ON HER CELL PHONE AT 920.671.4338. YOU MAY AL-SO LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE OFFICE PHONE AT 217.546.7646.

Name:

Phone/email address:

General

Join the

(see Committees below)

- Provide "tech" services
- Provide childcare services during special events

Worship & Music

- Choir Choir
- Provide "Special Music"
- Assisting Minister
- Acolyte
- Altar Guild
- Usher Usher
- Play an instrument
- Assist w/ Dinner Church

Evangelism / Faithful Innovations

- Write notes to visitors
- Provide rides to church

Community Service

- Volunteer at Blackhawk library
- Help with holiday food baskets
- Volunteer at Grace food pantry
- Assist w/ Hwy Clean-up

Fellowship

- Help w/ Advent or Lenten Suppers
- Help w/ funeral dinners or provide food
- Sunday Fellowship host/hostess

Faith Formation

- Teach an Adult Faith Formation class
- Teach a Teen Faith Formation class
- Teach a Young Disciples class
- Teach a Little Lambs class
- Lead a Bible Study
- Lead a Book Study
- Be a Kids in Mission Helper or Teacher
- Volunteer for youth gatherings (adult)
- Lead youth fellowship (adult)



Stewardship Give Temple Talk Assist with annual stewardship campaign.

Finance Counter

Committee.

Property Yard work – raking, planting, cleanup

- Mowina
- Rose Garden Maintenance
- Workdays
- Maintenance
- Painting
- Special Skills: Carpentry _____

Plumbing ____ Painting ____ Other ____

Availability: Day ____ Evening ____

Weekend ____

Other:

Pray for Peace Lutheran

- Worship in-person regularly
- Do you have a talent or interest to share?

Current Ministry Committees:

 Worship & Music
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 Community Service
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 Fellowship
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 Evangelism / Faithful Innovation

Faith Formation Technology Property Finance

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FELLOWSHIP AFTER WORSHIP

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE COOKIES FOR FELLOWSHIP AFTER WORSHIP, THEREARE TWO WAYS YOU CAN HELP: CONTACT LINDA RICE AT 217-494-2658 or Irice10640@gmail.com AND SIGN UP TO BRING COOKIES ON A CERTAIN DATE (BAKED OR BOUGHT) OR MAKE A MONETARY DONATION AND COOKIES WILL BE BOUGHT IN YOUR NAME. THANK YOU!



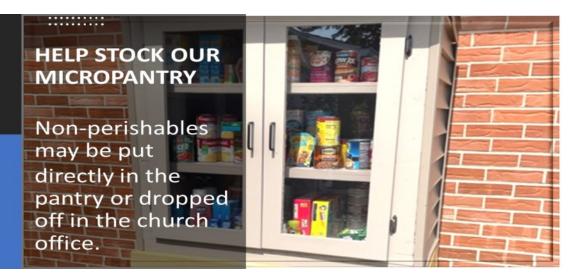
ALTAR FLOWERS

WE ARE TAKING ORDERS FOR 2023 ALTAR FLOW-ERS. 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. FLOW-ERS ARE \$35.00. MANY DATES STILL AVAILABLE!

FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE

AS A FOLLOW UP TO OUR PRESENTATION AND SERVICE PROJECT CONNECTED TO LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES, WE INVITE DISCIPLE/MEMBERS OF PEACE LUTHERAN TO "HELP KEEP SPRING-FIELD'S LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES STOCKED! PLACE YOUR GENTLY USED BOOKS IN THE BASKET IN THE NARTHEX FOR DELIVERY TO LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES AROUND TOWN. SEE **AMANDA KIM** IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH DELIVERIES!"





- OATMEAL, CEREAL AND PANCAKE MIX
- PASTA SAUCE IN PLASTIC CONTAINERS
- PASTA
- PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY IN PLASTIC CONTAINERS
- INSTANT POTATOES
- CRACKERS
- TUNA IN A POUCH INSTEAD OF A CAN
- NOODLE SIDES
- STUFFING MIX
- CEREAL BARS, GRANOLA BARS, TRAIL MIX AND NUTS
- COFFEE

THANK YOU FOR BEING A NEIGHBOR HELPING NEIGHBORS!





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Sunday, May 21 11:00 a.m.

Bring a dish to pass!