

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 15, 2022

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Peace Lutheran Church – a special welcome to our guests! Please take some time during worship to fill out the attendance/prayer card, located in the holders on the chair backs. If you are a guest, we would love to receive contact information so we can respond to your visit with us today. Please place the card in the offering receptacle as it is passed.

OPENING SONG (stand)

“In the Secret”

Andy Park

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

P: Dear friends, let us be honest with God, with each other, and with ourselves ... and confess our sins in order that we might receive the forgiveness of God and experience the full joy of communion with Jesus Christ.

All: Lord, we have sinned by what we have thought, said, and done. We continue to pull away from You even though You love us with an everlasting love. As we come before You in our worship, we recognize our failures and weaknesses. We come before You in need of your forgiveness and your power to overcome sin.

Silent Reflection

P: The Lord is merciful, slow to anger, and full of unfailing love. He will never abandon us. He has carved our names on the palm of His hand. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. As we have confessed our sins to God our Father, He has heard and removed them. That is His promise of love and forgiveness to us.

All: Amen.

(sit)

PRAISE SONG

“Our God Saves”

Paul Baloche and Brenton Brown

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray together.

People: Lord, as Your Gentile people, keep us steadfast in Your Word, that we may truly reflect Your will in our daily living. Enable us to grasp the prophetic truths revealed to the nation of Israel, and increase our faith in the Christ, whom these truths declare. Amen

+ WORD +

FIRST LESSON Acts 11:1-18 (*The Spirit falls on the Gentiles, which leads to praise.*)

11 Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, ³ “You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” ⁴ But Peter began and explained it to them in order: ⁵ “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. ⁶ Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. ⁷ And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸ But I said, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹ But the voice answered a second time from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’ ¹⁰ This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. ¹¹ And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. ¹² And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’ ¹⁵ As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷ If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?” ¹⁸ When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

EPISTLE Revelation 21:1-7

(The Church bears witness to the revelation of the New Jerusalem.)

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new

Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷ The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

(stand)

HOLY GOSPEL John 16:12-22

¹² "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

¹⁶ "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." ¹⁷ So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" ¹⁸ So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." ¹⁹ Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'?" ²⁰ Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹ When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²² So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

(sit)

MESSAGE SONG

"Trading My Sorrows"

Darrell Evans

MESSAGE:

"A Little While"

Pastor Bradley Akey; Zion

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Duane Foster

Pastor: Dear friends whom the Lord loves, hear what our Lord Jesus Christ said: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age." You have been baptized and you have been taught the faith as our Lord commanded. We now celebrate your Baptism and your learning of the faith with thankful hearts. As you will now declare your faith before the Church, we rejoice to declare with you our faith in the same Lord, the faith into which you were baptized. Jesus said: "Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown him before my Father in heaven." Lift up your hearts therefore to the God of all grace and joyfully answer the questions I now will ask you in the Lord's name and as a minister of His church. Do you today in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts which God gave you in Baptism, namely the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation? If so, answer "I do."

Confirmand: I do.

Pastor: Do you reject the devil and all his works and all his ways? If so, answer "I do."

Confirmand: I do.

Pastor: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son and in the Holy Spirit? If so, answer "I do."

Confirmand: I do.

Pastor: I invite the congregation to join us as we confess together 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.

Pastor: Do you intend to remain strong in your faith and committed to Christ's Church and to suffer anything, even death, rather than fall away from it? If so, answer "I do, with God's help."

Confirmand: I do with God's help.

Pastor: Do you hold all the books of the Bible, written by the prophets and apostles, to be the inspired Word of God and agree that the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Bible and as you have learned to know them through Luther's Small Catechism, are faithful and true? If so, answer "I do."

Confirmand: I do.

Pastor: Do you desire to be a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of Peace? If so, answer "I do."

Confirmand: I do.

Pastor: Do you intend faithfully to live your life according to God's Word, to be faithful in the use of God's Word and Sacrament, which are His means of grace, and in faith, word, and action to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to the end of your life? If so, answer "I do, with God's help."

Confirmand: I do with God's help.

Pastor: *Duane*, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: *Mary*, upon this your confession of faith, I acknowledge publicly that you are a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation. Receive the Lord's Supper and participate with us in all the blessings of salvation that our Lord has given to His Church, in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing this Your son to the knowledge of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling him both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, he may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

We welcome into our fellowship Duane Foster by Confirmation and Mary by Profession of Faith.

OFFERING

“Draw Me Close”

Kelly Carpenter

(stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

ALL: 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

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and + give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

“Great Things”

Jonas Myrin and Phil Wickham

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor: Go in peace—Connect, Celebrate, and Serve the Lord! Let all the people say:

People: “Amen!”

*Permission for all lyrics used during worship – CCLI # 2647991
Copies of song lyrics are available upon request from the church office.*

Notes & News

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS! We are so glad to have you with us for worship this morning. You are welcome to join us anytime. If you have an interest in joining Peace Lutheran Church or have questions about our ministry, please contact Matt Branham (812-216-3465).

For any Peace member in need of pastoral care, please contact Matt Branham (812-216-3465).

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY - May 15th after worship is our next quarterly congregational business meeting.

Cougar Commentary – Copies of the April Cougar Commentary are available on book rack.

Coming Soon: The Tree of Life Vacation Bible School From June 6-10, 2022, Immanuel Lutheran Church will hold a special Vacation Bible School from 9-12 each day called ***The Tree of Life: God's Promise of Salvation***. This VBS examines God's plan of salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ. Each session of this VBS explores Bible accounts that guide us through the epic story of salvation, from Creation in the beginning of Genesis, to the cross of Christ in the beginning of the New Testament, and finally to Jesus' return on the Last Day in the Book of Revelation. Be sure to join us for fun lessons, music, crafts, snacks, and activities to learn how Jesus' cross became the tree of life in which God forgives us and gives us everlasting life. Online registration opens on April 15, 2022, for students and volunteers! You can register online at www.immanuelseymour.com or call the Church office at 812-522-3118. Spread the word and join us!

USE OF CHURCH FACILITIES – Anyone wanting to add activities or use of church facilities should contact the church office at 812-523-3838 or Jeremy Wischmeier by texting or calling 812-498-9913. Thanks.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS – Announcements for the bulletin are due to the office by 8:00 A.M. on Thursday mornings. Thanks!

Servant Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>SongShow/ Sound</u>	<u>Usher</u>
15-May	Don Sweeney	Wischmeiers	Steve Hackman
22-May	Max Goecker	Ellerman/Onken	Kevin Hoevener
29-May			

