

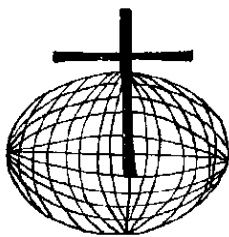
# PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 22, 2022

### AS WE GATHER



After He was raised from the dead, Jesus showed Himself to many. He explained to His disciples from the Scriptures about His suffering and rising from the dead, and how they were His witnesses who would proclaim repentance and the forgiveness of sins among all nations. Nevertheless, the disciples still wondered whether Jesus would restore the earthly kingdom of Israel. Instead, Jesus promised them the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Forty days after His resurrection, Jesus blessed His disciples and ascended from their sight to the right hand of the Father.

### 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.*

*(stand)*

### OPENING SONG

**“I Love to Praise Him”**

*Jennifer Randolph*

### INVOCATION

**L:** In the name of the Father, and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

### CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

**L:** May God our merciful Father hear our heartfelt confession of sins, so that we may be cleansed and not merely that, but given new hearts to truly love Him in a brand new way.

**All:** **Merciful God, we confess to you now that we have sinned. We confess the sins that no one knows and the sins that everyone knows. We confess the sins that are a burden to us and the sins that do not bother us because we have grown used to them. We confess our sins as a church. We have not forgiven one another as we have been forgiven.**

**We have not given ourselves in love and service for the world as Christ gave Himself for us. Father, forgive us. Send the Holy Spirit to us, that He may give us power to live by Your mercy, as You have called us to live. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*Silent Reflection*

L: For our sake God made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God (2 Corinethian 5:21). 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. Because Jesus Christ conquered sin and death on the cross, your sin is forgiven. Through baptism He has made us His own. In Him we begin brand new every day, living in the glorious freedom of the children of God (Romans 8:21).

**All: Amen.**

*(sit)*

**PRAISE SONG**

**“Welcome Holy Spirit”**

*R. Critchley*

**GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**FIRST READING** Acts 1:1-11

1 In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” <sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the

Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”<sup>9</sup> And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.<sup>10</sup> And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes,<sup>11</sup> and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

## **EPISTLE** Ephesians 1:15-23

<sup>15</sup>For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints,<sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers,<sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him,<sup>18</sup> having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,<sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might<sup>20</sup> that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,<sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.<sup>22</sup> And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church,<sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*(stand)*

## **HOLY GOSPEL** Luke 24:44-53

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,<sup>46</sup> and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,<sup>47</sup> and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.<sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.<sup>49</sup> And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

<sup>50</sup> Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them.<sup>51</sup> While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven.<sup>52</sup> And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy,<sup>53</sup> and were continually in the temple blessing God.

*(sit)*

## MESSAGE SONG

**“Forever”**

*Brian Johnson, Kari Jobe, Jenn Johnson, Gabriel Wilson, Joel Taylor, & Christa Black Gifford*

## MESSAGE:

**The Response**

*Pastor Bradley Akey; Zion*

*(stand)*

## NICENE CREED:

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*(sit)*

## OFFERING

**“You Are God Alone”**

*Billy Foote*

*(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.**

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### Regarding the Lord's Supper

Peace Lutheran Church and the other congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod share the Scriptural belief that the Lord's Supper is a sacramental meal that brings us not only Christ's true Body and Blood with the bread and wine, but also the forgiveness of sins and strength to amend our lives

Those intending to commune with us may find it spiritually helpful to consider these questions:

1. Am I sorry for my sins?
2. Do I believe in Jesus Christ as my Savior?
3. Do I believe He makes His Body and Blood present in this Meal?
4. Am I determined, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to change my sinful life?

### **WE PREPARE**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We Lift Them Up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks for His glory.

**People: We Give Thanks. We Rejoice In His Presence.**

### **WE BELIEVE HIS WORDS: WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Pastor: On the night when He was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying "Take eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." Therefore, remembering His death, believing in His rising from the grave, affirming His presence now, in this place, we obey His command. We await the gift.

**People: Come, Lord Jesus, Come.**

*(sit)*

### **WE EXPERIENCE HIM IN HOLY COMMUNION: THE DISTRIBUTION**

*[Please follow the Leader's direction.]*

### **DISTRIBUTION SONG**

**"Nobody Loves Me Like You"**

*Ed Cash & Scott Cash*

*(stand)*

## **WE THANK HIM: PRAYER**

Pastor: Our souls, give thanks to the Lord, and we never forget all His blessings.

It is He who forgives all our guilt, who heals every one of our ills, who redeems our lives from the grave, who crowns us with love and compassion, who fills our lives with good things, renewing our youth like an eagle's. Give thanks to the Lord, all His works, in every place where He rules. Give praise to the Father Almighty, to His Son Jesus Christ the Lord, to the Spirit who dwells in our hearts, both now and forever.

**People: 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**

### **“Made Me Glad”**

*Miriam Webster*

## **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).

**Trinity Lutheran High School Graduation** - TLHS is proud to announce the graduation of the Class of 2022. Join us for the Baccalaureate and Graduation Ceremony beginning at 10:00 AM on Saturday, May 28th in the Trinity gymnasium. Addison Bumbleburg, Kayla Goecker, Kaelyn Miller, Kaitlynn Rowe, and Mallory Shoemaker are Valedictorians. Salutatorian is Paige McCammon.

**Teacher's Assistants Needed** - St. Paul Lutheran Early Childhood Ministry is looking for individuals interested in a part time position as a Teacher's assistant. The school is currently looking for help on:

- Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the morning
- Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the afternoon
- Tuesdays and Thursdays in the morning

If you are interested in the position, please fill out an application (see Carol O.) and send/drop it off at the school (6045 E. State Street, Columbus, 47201). Applications need to be submitted by the end of June. For additional information, please contact [director@stpaulcolumbus.org](mailto:director@stpaulcolumbus.org).

**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](http://www.immanuelseymour.com) or call the Church office at 812-522-3118. Spread the word and join us!

**Evening VBS at Zion: The Tree of Life Vacation Bible School** – May 29 - June 2, 2022, Zion Lutheran Church will hold Vacation Bible School from 6pm – 8:15 pm 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. Sign up online at: [www.VBSmate.com/ZionSeymour](http://www.VBSmate.com/ZionSeymour)!

**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>
22-May	Max Goecker	Ellerman/Onken	Kevin Hoevener
29-May		Ellerman/Branham	Don Sweeney