

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

April 14, 2024

WELCOME!

We love that you are here today! Our service can be found in the blue hymnal beneath the chair in front of you. Projections are also provided on the front wall.

Restrooms are located in the hallway to the right as you exit the worship space, as well as across the hall as you enter into the school.

Quiet room Parents may use the library in the back of this worship space which still enables you to hear/see the service.

A **Connection Card** and pen are found in the pocket of the chair in front of you. Time will be provided to fill it out during the service. You may drop it in the wicker basket along the wall after the service.

THEME: THE RESURRECTION GIVES US A REAL MESSAGE TO SHARE

So often popular sentiments are expressed today that are vague or empty. For example, we might say to someone who experiences tragedy, “Everything happens for a purpose.” Perhaps we might attempt to encourage a young person, “Stay true to yourself.” But what do such sentiments even mean? Today’s Scripture readings reveal that the resurrection of Jesus from the dead gives us a real message of substance to share with others – a message that actually impacts our lives and our future. It’s a message by which we are reconciled to God and our eternal salvation has been secured.

PLEASE RESPECT OUR PRACTICE OF “CLOSE COMMUNION”

Christ says the Sacrament is an expression of unity (1 Co 10:16-17). We WANT to be unified with you on the basis of Christ and His doctrine! Honesty compels us to ask you to WAIT before communing with us: 1) until you’ve had a chance to find out what we teach; 2) until you make your unity with us evident by membership at Peace. Regular classes are conducted for this purpose (837-5346). WELS & ELS guests please sign a Connection Card and give it to an usher before communing. Thank you.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Service – Setting One pg. 154 in the blue hymnal

Hymns

Opening Hymn	452	<i>The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done</i>
Psalm of the Day	Psalm 30	page 30 in the blue hymnal
Hymn of the Day	713	<i>I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light</i>
Communion Hymns	466	<i>Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia</i>
	668	<i>Jesus Comes Today with Healing</i>
Closing Hymn	461	<i>He Is Arisen! Glorious Word</i>

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson	Acts 3:11-20
Second Lesson	1 John 1:5–2:2
Gospel Lesson	Luke 24:36-49

Sermon

1 John 1:5–2:2

True Light: The Atoning Sacrifice

GIVING THANKS TO GOD – A MILE-MARKER IN MINISTRY

During the 8:00 service we will give thanks to God for the 5th anniversary that Miss Kiernan Handy (2nd Grade) and Mrs. Lynn Proeber (1st Grade) have been serving here at Peace. All are encouraged to celebrate with us in the school atrium between services.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider	Rev. Shaun Arndt
Sermon	Rev. Luke C. Werre
Keyboard	Mrs. Sarah Bilitz (Sunday); Ms. Johanna Brauer (Monday)
Percussion	
Vocalist	Andrew Kramer
Projection Slides	Matt Homstad
Peace Lutheran School, Grades K, 1 & 2	Teachers: Karen Riley, Lynn Proeber, Kiernan Handy

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FIRST READING

Acts 3:11-20

While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people came running toward them in utter amazement in the area called Solomon's Colonnade.

¹²When Peter saw this, he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why are you amazed at this? Why are you staring at us, as if by our own power or godliness we have made this man walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and disowned in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you. ¹⁵You killed the Author of Life, whom God raised from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶And on the basis of faith in his name, it is the name of Jesus that has strengthened this man, whom you see and know. This faith that comes through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷"Now brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, just like your leaders. ¹⁸But in this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through the mouth of all the prophets: that his Christ would suffer. ¹⁹Therefore repent and return to have your sins wiped out, ²⁰so that refreshing times may come from the presence of the Lord and that he may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalms 30

SECOND READING

1 John 1:5-2:2

This is the message we heard from him and proclaim to you: God is light. In him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him but still walk in darkness, we are lying and do not put the truth into practice. ⁷But if we walk in the light, just as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar, and his Word is not in us.

^{2:1}My children, I write these things to you so that you will not sin. If anyone does sin, we have an Advocate before the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ²He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the whole world.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

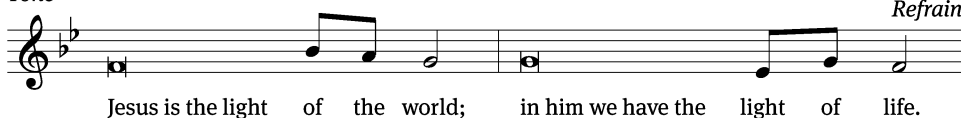
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (10:30 & 6:30 Services)



Refrain



Tone



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GOSPEL

Luke 24:36-49

As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

³⁷But they were terrified and frightened and thought they were looking at a ghost.

³⁸He said to them, "Why are you troubled? Why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

⁴¹While they still did not believe it (because of their joy), and while they were still wondering, he said to them, "Do you have anything here to eat?"

⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish and some honeycomb. ⁴³He took it and ate in front of them. ⁴⁴He said to them, "These are my words, which I spoke to you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms."

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He said to them, "This is what is written and so it must be: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹Look, I am sending you what my Father promised. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!