

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 12, 2024

WELCOME!

We love that you are here today! Our service is printed for you in this worship folder. Or you can follow the projections on the front wall.

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NEW MISSION STATEMENT REVEAL – “FLOURISH”

“Peace Lutheran Ministries cultivates and nurtures faith to flourish in the peace of Christ.”

Today is the third and final Sunday we are revealing / explaining the new mission statement of Peace Lutheran Ministries. It is a single mission statement with three distinct emphases. Today’s emphasis is “flourish.” This word aims at the spiritual well-being of our whole congregation.

BECAUSE LAST THURSDAY WAS THE 40TH DAY

The Bible tells us that 40 days after He rose from the dead Jesus bodily ascended into heaven in full view of His disciples (Acts 1:3, 9). Because of this the Christian Church celebrates the Ascension of Our Lord on the 40th day after Easter. The 40th day always falls on a Thursday. At Peace we observe the Ascension on the following Sunday (which is today). You’ll notice one of the Scripture readings today speaks of Jesus’ ascension into heaven.

DECLARING THEIR ONENESS OF FAITH WITH US

Being received into membership during the 10:30 service are:

Tim & Dina Schultz Lynn Krueger Lindsay Wallace Tim Sherven

(Lindsay Wallace’s son, Bridger, was baptized in a private ceremony a week ago Friday.)

We welcome them to the Peace Family!

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider Rev. Shaun Arndt
Sermon Rev. Luke C. Werre
Accompanist Mrs. Sarah Bilitz (Sunday); Ms. Johanna Brauer (Monday)
Hymn of the Day Peace School Faculty
Projection Slides Eric Uher

FINAL SUNDAY

Today is the final Sunday of three in which we unveiled our new mission statement. Next Sunday we will celebrate the third major festival of the Christian Church Year (along with Christmas and Easter): The Festival of Holy Pentecost.

NEW HYMNS OF THE SERVICE

The hymn “This is the Feast” (CW#938) is being sung as a response to the absolution in place of the normal Gloria in Excelsis (“Glory Be to God on High”). It is an Easter hymn because we are still in the Season of Easter. Today is the last Sunday of the Easter Season.

The hymn “Christ the Vine” (CW#709) serves as the Hymn of the Day. The words were written by Michael Schultz and tie in with today’s Gospel Lesson from John 15. Schultz, a WELS pastor, oversaw the entire project of publishing the blue hymnal we are now using called “Christian Worship” – a ten-year project! He graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in 1989 and is now pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, Tallahassee, FL.

It is believed the melody (entitled “Salley Gardens”) is an Irish tune connected with a poem written by William Butler Yeats in 1895. Yeats was attempting to reconstruct an old ballad which he learned from an old peasant woman in Ireland. She only knew broken parts of the song. The name of Yeats’ poem is “Down by the Salley Gardens.” Many versions of this song have been performed by musicians and vocalists to the present day.

Order of Service

“Mission Statement Reveal: Flourish”

OPENING HYMN

We All Are One in Mission | CW93 566



1 We all are one in mis - sion; We all are one in
 2 We all are called to ser - vice, To wit - ness in God's
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, And let our song be



call, Our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed By Christ, the
 name. Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; Our pur - pose
 heard; Now let us be a ves - sel For God's re -



Lord of all. A sin - gle great com - mis - sion
 is the same: To touch the lives of oth - ers
 deem - ing Word. We all are one in mis - sion;



Com - pels us from a - bove To plan and work
 With God's sur - pris - ing grace, So ev - 'ry folk
 We all are one in call, Our var - ied gifts



to - geth - er That all may know Christ's love.
 and na - tion May feel God's warm em - brace.
 u - nit - ed By Christ, the Lord of all.

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Please stand

INVOCATION

In the Name of the Father and of the ☩Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

OPENING DIALOGUE (CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION)

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

He makes grass grow for the cattle,

and plants that people use to produce food from the earth. (*Psalm 104:1, 14*)

All of us have become like something unclean,

and all our righteous acts are like a filthy cloth.

All of us have withered like a leaf,

and our guilt carries us away like the wind. (*Isaiah 64:6*)

God be merciful to me,

a sinner! (*Luke 18:13*)

The people are grass. Grass withers, flowers fade,

but the word of the Lord endures forever. (*Isaiah 40: 8, 1 Peter 1:25*)

Listen, the days are coming, declares the Lord,

when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,

In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will dwell securely.

This is his name by which he will be called: The Lord Our Righteousness. (*Jeremiah 23:5-7*)

In the Name and by the command of Jesus Christ, the Lord Our Righteousness, who gave His life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world: I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

To him be the glory, both now and forever. Amen. (2 Peter 3:18)

SONG OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast | CW 938



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *v. 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia! *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord, keep your household, the Church, in continual godliness and sustain us in all adversities that, by the power of your Spirit, we may serve you and each other with true devotion and holy deeds; through Jesus Christ, your only Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING

Colossians 1:3-11a

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love that you have for all the saints ⁵because of the hope that is stored up for you in heaven. You have already heard about this in the word of truth, the gospel ⁶that is present with you now. The gospel is bearing fruit and growing in the entire world, just as it also has been doing among you from the day you heard it and came to know the grace of God in truth. ⁷You learned this from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf. ⁸He is the one who told us about your love in the Spirit.

⁹For this reason, from the day we heard about your love, we also have not stopped praying for you. We keep asking that you would be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, ¹⁰so that you might live in a way that is worthy of the Lord. Our goal is that you please him by bearing fruit in every kind of good work and by growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹as you are being strengthened with all power because of his glorious might working in you.

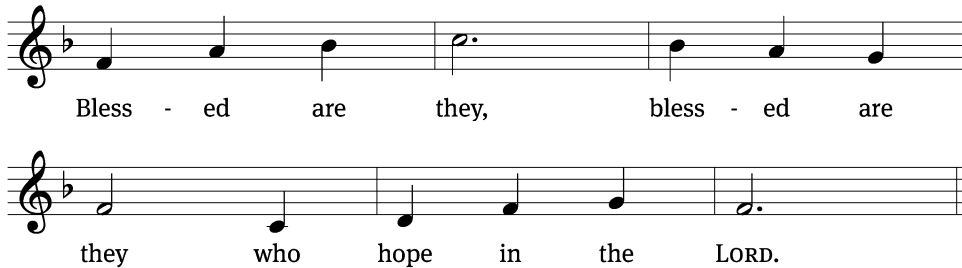
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 1A

Refrain



Bless - ed are they, bless - ed are
they who hope in the LORD.

Tone



Blessed is the one who / does not walk
in step with the / wicked
or stand in the way that / sinners take
or sit in the company of / mockers,
but whose delight is in the law / of the LORD,
and who meditates on his law / day and night.
That person is like a tree planted by streams of / water,
which yields its fruit in / season
and whose leaf does not / wither—
whatever they do / prospers. *Refrain*

Not so the / wicked!
They are like chaff that the wind / blows away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the / judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the / righteous. *Refrain*

For the LORD watches over the way of the / righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to de- / struction.
**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

SECOND READING

Acts 1:1-12

I wrote my first book, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began doing and teaching ²until the day he was taken up, after he had given instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³After he had suffered, he presented himself alive to the apostles with many convincing proofs. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and told them things about the kingdom of God.

⁴Once, when he was eating with them, he commanded them, "Do not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for what the Father promised, which you heard from me. ⁵For John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶So when they were together with him, they asked, "Lord, is this the time when you are going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

⁷He said to them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons 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."

⁹After he said these things, he was taken up while they were watching, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰They were looking intently into the sky as he went away. Suddenly, two men in white clothes stood beside them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing here looking up into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mountain called the Mount of Olives, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ²Every branch in me that does not bear fruit, he is going to cut off. And he prunes every branch that does bear fruit, so that it will bear more fruit.

³"You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴Remain in me, and I am going to remain in you. A branch cannot bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Likewise, you cannot bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵"I am the Vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him is the one who bears much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not remain in me, he is thrown away like a branch and withers. Such branches are gathered, thrown into the

fire, and burned. ⁷If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this: that you continue to bear much fruit and prove to be my disciples.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ the Vine | CW 709

The faculty will sing verse 1-2; the congregation will sing verse 3.

SERMON

Our Mission: To Flourish

Please stand

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there 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.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

A musical offering follows-for meditating on the sermon and signing Connection Cards.

RITE OF MEMBERSHIP (10:30)

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord Jesus, you have given to your Church on earth the Great Commission to go and make disciples of all nations by baptizing and teaching in your name. Give us the grace to continue to baptize and teach in your name here at Peace. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, you ascended bodily into heaven forty days after your resurrection. Comfort us with the truth that because you ascended, we also will ascend bodily into heaven on the Last Day. You ascended to God's Right Hand not exclusively according to your divine nature, but in particular according to your human nature. Comfort us with the truth that you are ruling all things for the good of your believers everywhere. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, today we ask you to bless Peace congregation and cause us to flourish in the peace of Christ. Send us your Holy Spirit and cause us to love you above all things. Send us your Holy Spirit and cause us to love your truth and to hate all false doctrine. Send us your Holy Spirit and cause us to love each other and to cherish each soul bought with the price of your own blood. Send us your Holy Spirit and pour out on us every spiritual gift so that we may be of service to you and to your body, the Church. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Prayers of intercession

Triune God, all these things we ask, confident that you have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. We also join to pray in Jesus' name...

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

The Sacrament

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from 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, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

JESUS, LAMB OF GOD

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

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

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

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Please be seated

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing | CW 595

Oh, How Good It Is | CW 731

DISMISSAL

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go \mp in peace.

Amen.

Please stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

On What Has Now Been Sown | CW 925



1 On what has now been sown your bless - ing, Lord, be -
2 To you our wants are known; from you are all our
3 O grant that each of us now met be - fore you



stow; the pow'r is yours a - lone to make it
pow'rs. Ac - cept what is your own and par - don
here may meet to - geth - er thus when you and



spring and grow. O Lord, in grace the har - vest
what is ours. Our prais - es, Lord, and prayers re -
yours ap - pear and fol - low you to heav'n, our



raise and you a - lone shall have the praise!
ceive and to your Word a bless - ing give.
home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

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Join us between services for a Bible study in the worship space on Article X of the Formula of Concord dealing with the topic of adiaphora & church traditions. We'll begin about 9:20.

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