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Fourth Sunday of Easter Sunday, April 21, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.

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Lutheran South Unity School, 744-0459
Amber Bahr, LSUS Principal

Welcome! We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us and especially to those who may be visiting. We pray that as you worship, you will be strengthened by our Lord's love and grace. If you are our guests, please introduce yourself to the Pastor after the service. Gift bags for our visitors hang on the welcome wall in the Narthex.

Our Mission: "Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to reach the lost and to provide for spiritual growth and nurture of our family of believers through education and ministry of Word and Sacraments."

Education Programs: We offer a Pre-K program, ages 3-5, September through May, here in Peace's education wing. Along with Bethlehem, Mt. Calvary and Zion Lutheran churches, we operate Lutheran South Unity School (K-8) located at 5401 South Calhoun Street.

Holy Communion: If you are a communicant member of an LCMS congregation, we welcome you to receive Christ's body and blood at this altar. If you are unsure of your beliefs or are of another confession, you are also welcome to kneel at the communion rail for a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to receive God's blessing of Peace from the Pastor. If you are unable to approach the Communion rail, please let an usher know and Pastor will serve you at your seat. We offer gluten free wafers for those who need them. Please notify the Elder at the Communion rail.

Hospitalization: If you or a family member is hospitalized or scheduled for surgery, please notify the church office or Pastor Mann at 320-295-0082. Even though you mention a church affiliation at check in, hospital staff rarely contact the churches.

Nursery and Children's Bulletins: A nursery for small children is available in Room 222 (The Nursery/Playroom). Children's bulletins may be obtained from an usher.

Large Print Bulletins Available: If you need a large print bulletin, let the ushers know.

LISTEN Personal Sound System is available for people who struggle to hear the service. They are hanging on the display wall in the narthex. Ask the Elder or an Usher for help.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
CREATIVE WORSHIP



Lighting of the Candles

Welcome

*(For those who are able, please stand for the portions of the service that are marked with an *.)*

* Opening Hymn “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” *Hymnal page 549*

* Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

* Opening Sentences

John 12:26; Ephesians 4:15; Psalm 25:1-3, 10; 106:48

P Jesus said: “If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there will My servant be also. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.”

C **Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ.**

P To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust.

C **Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame.**

P Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation.

C **All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.**

P Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!

C **And let all the people say, “Amen!” Praise the LORD!**

* Confession and Absolution

P Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and pray for His gracious forgiveness.

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination

P We confess:

C **O Lord God Almighty, we confess that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not put You first at all times. We have not followed in the ways You have set forth for us. We have not always been thoughtful caretakers of Your creation and have not shared its bounty on all occasions. We have not kept our thoughts, words, and deeds fully pure and honorable. We have sinned in ways we know and in ways we do not even recognize. We have not honored those in authority and have not without reservation encouraged them. We have not completely put the best construction on all things and on all people. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive us all our sins, and finally by Your grace, bring us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☐ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

* **Introit** (*spoken responsively*)

Psalm 23; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b

I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

* **Kyrie** (*spoken responsively*)

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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

* Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, merciful Father... through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Acts 4:1-12

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 John 3:16-24

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse

P Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.

C Alleluia. I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me. Alleluia.

* Holy Gospel

John 10:11-18

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

The Gospel is read.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

* Apostles' Creed

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Sermon Hymn

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

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SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Preacher: Rev. Kevin Mann Fieldworkers: Owen Dawson, Tanner Sawall

Elder: Ken Heingartner

Organist: Krista Koch

Greeters:	Margaret Doell	Amy Matteson	
Ushers:	Dick Rutkowski Adam Ramsey	Todd Hollman	Bob Michael
Lesson Reader:	Chris Michael		
Counters:	Tom Fuelling	Ken Heingartner	Ken White
Altar Servers:	Debbie Lahrman	Lois Branstrator	

The Flowers on the Altar Jacob and Kasey Hapner in celebration of our son Gideon's first birthday.

Prayers: Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:

FOR HEALING:	Chuck Miller, Marty Blessing, Wanda Murphy (Mike Murphy's mom), Stan Cullick (Myrtle Dashiell's step-father), Richard (Brenda Gensic's cousin, Pat (Myrtle Dashiell's mother), Casey Marcum, Abi Fromm (granddaughter of Ken and Peggy Heingartner), Blakely (granddaughter of Ken and Anne White), and all those confined at home <i>Prayers continue for 2 weeks. Notify the office to add or repeat names.</i>
PRAYER FAMILIES:	Cheryl Zellers, Jared Stephens, Kevin Knoch
PRAYER ANGELS:	CeCe/Kelsey, Crue/Sovines, Grayson W./Marty
MILITARY:	Strengthen and protect those who are serving in the protective Services of our country. We especially pray for: Cody Fairchild (Army), Officer Casey Heingartner, and Chaplain Ted Hoham.
SHARING PEACE:	That God would help us reach out to our school families and neighbors to foster new relationships that give glory to God.
IN SYMPATHY:	Family of Marie Fuelling (8th grader at St. Peter-Immanuel in Decatur) who fell asleep in Christ

Attendance and Stewardship Summary

Worship Attendance for April 14/17:	19/61
Amount needed for the month of March:	\$ 28,465
Our response for the month of March:	<u>\$ 30,260</u>
Difference:	\$ 1,795