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Sixth Week of Easter
Wednesday, May 8, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.

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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 “Blessed Jesus, At Your Word” *Hymnal page 904***

- 1 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word,
 We are gathered all to hear You.
 Let our hearts and souls be stirred,
 Now to seek and love and fear You,
 By Your teachings, sweet and holy,
 Drawn from earth to love You solely.

- 2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight,
 Lie in deepest darkness shrouded
 Till Your Spirit breaks our night,
 With the beams of truth unclouded.
 You alone to God can win us;
 You must work all good within us.

- 3 Gracious Savior, good and kind,
 Light of Light, from God proceeding,
 Open now our heart and mind;
 Help us by Your Spirit’s pleading.
 Hear the cry Your Church now raises;
 Hear and bless our prayers and praises.

- 4 Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord,
 Praise to You and adoration!
 Grant that we may trust Your Word,
 Confident of our salvation,
 While we here below must wander,
 Till we sing Your praises yonder.

*** Invocation**

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

C Amen.

*** Opening Sentences**

Psalm 146:1–2, 5, 10

P Praise the LORD!

C **Praise the LORD, O my soul!**

P I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

C **I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

P Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

C **whose hope is in the LORD his God.**

P The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.

C **Praise the LORD!**

*** Confession and Absolution**

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 In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

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

Psalm 66:1–2, 8–9, 20; antiphon: v. 16

- P** Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what He has done for my soul.
- C** **Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!**
- P** Bless our God, O peoples;
let the sound of His praise be heard,
- C** **who has kept our soul among the living
and has not let our feet slip.**
- P** Blessed be God,
because He has not rejected my prayer or removed His steadfast love from me!
- C** **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.**
- P** Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what He has done for my soul.

*** Prayer of the Day**

- P** Let us pray.
O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through 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 10:34–48

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 John 5:1–8

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

*** Verse**

Romans 6:9; John 16:33b

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

C Alleluia. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. Alleluia.

*** Holy Gospel**

John 15:9–17

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

The Gospel is read.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

*** Apostles' Creed**

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C 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.

Sermon Hymn**“O Love, How Deep”***Hymnal page 544*

- 1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
Beyond all thought and fantasy,
That God, the Son of God,
should take Our mortal form for mortals' sake!
- 2 He sent no angel to our race,
Of higher or of lower place,
But wore the robe of human frame,
And to this world Himself He came.
- 3 For us baptized, for us He bore
His holy fast and hungered sore;
For us temptation sharp He knew;
For us the tempter overthrew.
- 4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;
For us His daily works He wrought,
By words and signs and actions thus
Still seeking not Himself but us.
- 5 For us by wickedness betrayed,
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death;
For us He gave His dying breath.
- 6 For us He rose from death again;
For us He went on high to reign;
For us He sent His Spirit here
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
- 7 All glory to our Lord and God
For love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore
Forever and forevermore.

Sermon**Offering***** Prayer of the Church**

* Hymn

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Hymnal page 770

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry, Ev’rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry, Ev’rything to God in prayer!
- 2 Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful? Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev’ry weakness—Take it to the Lord in prayer.
- 3 Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He’ll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.

* Lord’s Prayer

Hymnal page 227

P Taught by our Lord and trusting his promises, we are bold to pray:

C **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.

* Concluding Prayer

* Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

P The Lord bless us and keep us.
The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us.
The Lord look upon us with favor and ✠ give us peace.

C Amen.

* Closing Hymn

“When I Behold Jesus Christ”

Hymnal page 542

- 1 When I behold Jesus Christ,
True God who died for me,
I wonder much at His love
As He hung on the tree. Refrain
- ref What kind of love is this?
What kind of love is this?
You showed Your love, Jesus, there
To me on Calvary.
What kind of love is this?
What kind of love is this?
You showed Your love, Jesus, there
To me on Calvary.
- 2 For me You gave all Your love,
For me You suffered pain;
I find no words, nothing can
Your selflessness explain. Refrain
- 3 You had no sin, holy Lord,
But You were tortured, tried;
On Golgotha there for all
My sins You bled and died. Refrain
- 4 What love is this? Greater love
No one has ever known.
My life with God— this I owe
To You, and You alone. Refrain

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SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE

Pastor: Rev. Kevin Mann

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Elder/Communion Assistant: Mart Erickson

Pianist: Tammy Schaaf

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Ushers: Mart Erickson Cheryl Erickson
Reader: Grant Acker

The Flowers on the Altar are given by Katrina Marcum in celebration of Layla Jane's birthday

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

FOR HEALING:	Patricia Easterday, Wanda Murphy (Mike Murphy’s mom), Aaron Koch (Gene & Krista Koch’s son), 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:	Andy Klage, Ron and Terry Gehring, Linda Mahrt
PRAYER ANGELS:	Avery/Karen, August/Lizzy, Mila/Margaret
CHURCH:	Peace Congregation, Cross Connections, The Indiana District, and The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod
SHARING PEACE:	That Sharing Peace Café would be a place where Christ’s love is shown and our neighbors are blessed to know Him.
THANKSGIVING	Thanksgiving for the birth of Elyse Nicole to Josh and Autumn Brinneman.

Attendance and Stewardship Summary

Worship Attendance for April 24/28:

16/63

Amount needed for the month of April:

\$28,465

Our response for the month of April:

\$24,648

Difference:

(\$3,817)