

## **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MAY 2, 2021**

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**IN OUR PRAYERS** we remember: Marcia Neelly, Kirk Aeilts, Walt Dibbern, Dennis Reuvers, Beverly Baker

**ORDER OF WORSHIP:** Order of Service Hymns - Peace 474 Blue 65 51 21 577  
English 474 Gray 34 30 96 577

### **THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:**

May 2 8:30 a.m. Worship at English

May 2 9:00 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Studies

May 2 10:15 a.m. Worship at Peace

May 4 10:00 Bible Study

May 4 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at English

May 5 2:30 p.m. Confirmation

May 5 6:30 p.m. Ladies Aid at English

May 6 Noon Bible Study

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** Our hymn of the day is our sermon hymn, *Wonderful Words of Life*. This hymn reminds us of where we find life as Christians. We find them in the Words of God. As our Savior once said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." The Words of God are life to us because they teach us faith and duty. They teach us faith by telling us about our Savior, how he lived, died and rose for us. They teach us duty by showing us how God would have us live. The Word of God is life-giving bread that sustains our soul. The Word of God is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path. This morning, we praise God for "beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life."

**NEW MEMBER:** This morning, Sherri Hill will be confirmed as a member of Peace Lutheran Church. We praise God for leading Sherri in faith, and for adding her as a member of God's family in this congregation.

**ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER:** Christians, like branches, bear fruit. Such is the only possible result of branches being connected to Jesus, the vine. Jesus is our source of life. He is the source of the fruit that we bear. For in Jesus, there is never-ending life that conquered the grave in order to forgive and give us life. A life in Jesus always bears much fruit, so we need the Word of forgiveness and life poured into us each day.

**BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** Acts 10:34-48 1John 5:1-8 John 15:9-17

**FROM PASTOR ALEX:** Spring is here. The fellowship hall is reopened, and I am looking forward to getting to know every family in the parish. If you would like a visit, you can sign up in the fellowship hall or call the church office. My goal is to visit every family once this year. I look forward to seeing you soon.

**MISSING LIBRARY BOOKS:** A list of books that are missing from the Church Library is on the bulletin board by the office. Please check to see if you have any of these books at your home.

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR IS BACK!!!** Peace has opened the fellowship hall for after service coffee and fellowship. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you would like to provide snacks and beverages.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** Hello Everyone! Rainforest Explorers will be our VBS theme this year. We are very excited for this summer's program! VBS will be Monday, June 7 through Friday, June 11 from 8:30-12:00. To register, please go to [vbsmate.com/peacelutheranchurch](http://vbsmate.com/peacelutheranchurch). VBS is in need of volunteers for the kitchen, crafts, and also teachers! What a great opportunity to connect with our youth! We are also accepting snack donations! Please let Natalie Larson know asap if you are able to help out, her number is 719-641-7547. Thank you in advance!

**DAUGHTERS OF PEACE** will have a Spring Rummage and Bake Sale on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Please start accumulating your good, clean, used items for the sale. Children's clothes up to size 12 will be accepted-no adult clothes. If you have any special items that you are donating, please let a member of Daughters know so it can be advertised to bring more people to the sale. Please bring baked goods Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> after 4 p.m. or Friday morning. Anyone willing to help with set up at 2:00 p.m. Thursday is very welcome. Thank you for your support.

**THIS MONTH** Daughters of Peace will collect dish soap, hand soap, detergent, fabric softener, etc. for Atlas. Thank you all for your support in our monthly projects.

**ACOLYTE TODAY is Amber Langholdt. Next Sunday will be Alex Minor.**

**USHERING TODAY is Team 4; Next Sunday is Team 5:** Lloyd Lupkes, Lowell Fick, Steve Wallenburg, Jeff Folkens, Adam Schwartz, Steve Anderson, Roger Baatz

**+ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION +**

**HYMN 474: ALLELUIA! JESUS IS RISEN**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*(Brief Silence for Inward Confession)*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

**INTROIT**

*Psalm 145:1–2, 8, 10, 21; antiphon: John 16:16*

A little while, and you will see me no longer;  
**and again a little while, and you will see me.**  
I will extol you, my God and King,  
**and bless your name forever and ever.**

Every day I will bless you  
**and praise your name forever and ever.**  
The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
**slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**  
All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,  
**and all your saints shall bless you!**  
My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,  
**and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.**  
**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.**  
A little while, and you will see me no longer;  
**and again a little while, and you will see me.**

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.  
**C** O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**FIRST READING**

*Acts 8:26–40*

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

**GRADUAL**

*adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

Christ has risen from the dead.  
**God has crowned him with glory and honor.**  
He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;  
**he has put all things under his feet.**

**EPISTLE**

*1 John 4:1–21*

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

## VERSE

*Romans 6:9; John 14:23*

Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 15:1–8*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.  
**C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

*After the Reading*

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## NICENE CREED

- C** 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 the 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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### BLUE HYMNAL 21: WONDERFUL WORDS OF LIFE

## SERMON

## OFFERTORY

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- C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

## PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.

- P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them to the Lord.

- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

- P** It is truly, good, right, and salutary...evermore praising you and saying:

## SANCTUS

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

LSB 195

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

## LORD'S PRAYER

*LSB 162*

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### PAX DOMINI

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

### AGNUS DEI

*LSB 198*

- C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

## DISTRIBUTION

**BLUE HYMNAL 11: THERE IS POWER IN THE BLOOD**

**BLUE HYMNAL 51: THE OLD RUGGED CROSS**

### NUNC DIMITTIS

*LSB 199*

- C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### THANKSGIVING

*LSB 200*

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

## SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with your spirit.  
**P** Bless we the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.  
**C** Amen.

## HYMN 577: ALMIGHTY GOD, YOUR WORD IS CAST

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