

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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ORDER OF WORSHIP: Order of Service Hymns 902 770 924

THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:

May 9 8:30 a.m. Worship at English

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

May 9 10:15 a.m. Worship at Peace

May 10 **NO 10:00 Bible Study Pastor's Circuit Meeting**

May 10 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at English

May 12 2:30 p.m. Confirmation

May 12 3:30 p.m. Daughters of Peace

May 13 **NO Noon Bible Study**

HYMN OF THE DAY: Our hymn of the day is the sermon hymn, *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*. This hymn echoes the words of our Gospel reading, "No longer do I call you servants...but I have called you friends." Jesus proves his friendship to us by laying down his life for us, by sharing his knowledge of God with us, and by choosing us for himself. Christ's friendship with us gives us confidence to pray. And why should we refuse? As our hymn laments, "Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh what needless pain we bear. All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer." When the burdens of life burden us, Jesus invites us to pray in his name, promising that God will answer. What a friend we have in Jesus.

ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER: In the light of Easter morning, we see the cross all the more clearly. We see the glory in the greatest love. Jesus was willing to lay down His life for His friends. Jesus considers us His friends because He loves us. The light of His cross shines brightly today because Jesus' redemption and life for us come from His self-sacrificing love.

BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Acts 1:12-26 1John 5:9-15 John 17:11-19

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.

THANK YOU: Thank you to all who set-up, donated and purchased items at the rummage sale on Friday. We appreciated your help and participation. **Daughters of Peace**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels are needed for May 24-28th and June 1-4th. Please contact Lois Baatz at 472-3076 if you are able to help.

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.

POTLUCK DINNER JUNE 6TH: A belated celebration potluck will be held following the church service to welcome Pastor Alex and Ashlie and family to Peace Lutheran. Please bring a dish to share. We hope you can come for food and fellowship.

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. 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!

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 Alex Minor.

USHERING TODAY is Team 5; Next Sunday is Team 6: Steve Janssen, Aaron Janssen, Jesse Janssen, Arnold Vogel, Robert McKenney, Gary Dieren, Adam Vogel

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

HYMN 902: LORD JESUS CHRIST, BE PRESENT NOW

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 66:1–2, 8–9, 20; antiphon: v. 16

Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for my soul.
Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!

Bless our God, O peoples;
let the sound of his praise be heard,
who has kept our soul among the living
and has not let our feet slip.
Blessèd be God,
because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!
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.
Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

P Let us pray.
C 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. Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34–48

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 5:1–8

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

VERSE

Romans 6:9; John 16:33b

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

After the Reading

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

APOSTLES' CREED

- 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN 770: WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

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

BENEDICTION

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- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.
C Amen.

HYMN 924: LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING

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