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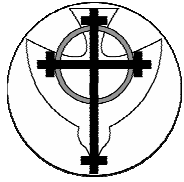
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The Resurrection of Our Lord

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Easter Sunrise Service

Welcome

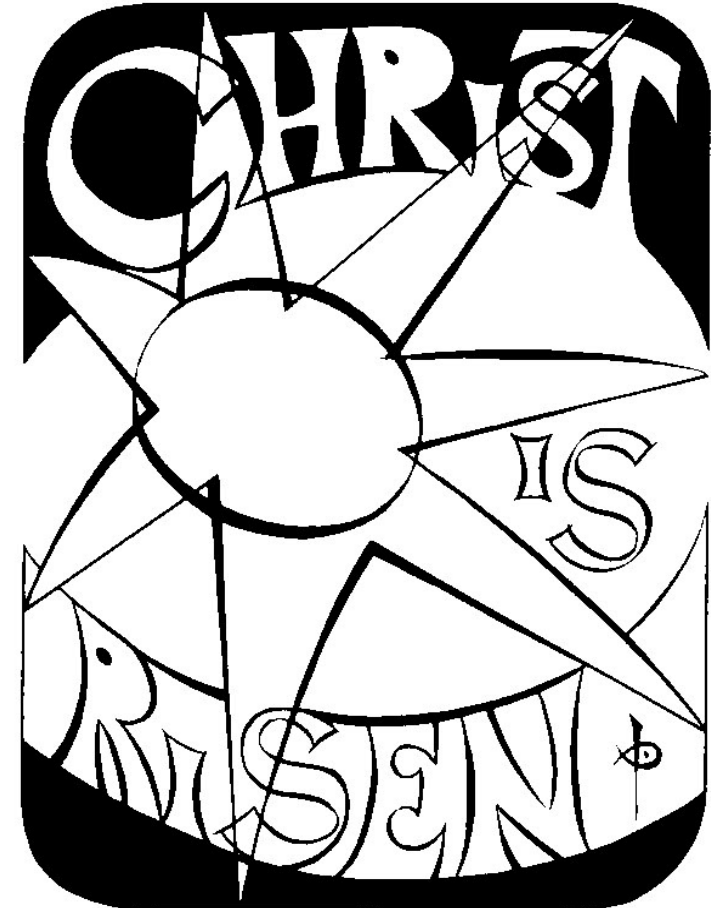
Welcome to the Lord's House this Easter morning for Divine Service. Rejoice, for today we celebrate our Lord's victory over sin, death, and the devil, which is made certain by His glorious resurrection from the tomb. Death could not keep its hold on the Son of God—He lives! And, because He lives, He comes to us here in this place to give us His gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation through His precious means of grace—His Holy Word and Sacraments. We pray the Lord's richest blessings upon you as you receive these Divine gifts. Please take the time to fill out the **Record of Fellowship form** that is in the pew. If you are visiting with us this morning, we want you to know that we are overjoyed that you are here. Please make your visit known to us by introducing yourself to us after the Service and by signing the guest book that is in the hallway on the left as you leave the nave. The Lord be with us in Divine Service this morning!

Holy Communion Practice

- The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very Body and Blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. In preparation for receiving this blessed Sacrament, you may refer to Martin Luther's "Christian Questions with Their Answers" found on pages 329-330 in *LSB*.
- Communicants at this altar are to be in full confessional fellowship with the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the LCMS are asked, out of love and Christian responsibility, to refrain from partaking with us this morning. If you have any questions regarding Holy Communion, you are invited and encouraged to speak with the pastor before or after the Service.
- See Matt. 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

Our Mission Statement

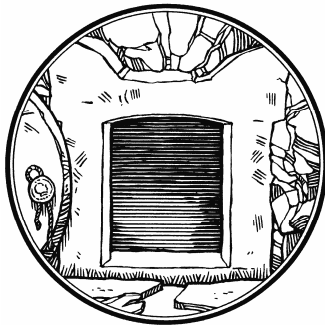
The mission of Peace Lutheran Church is to welcome all people into the fellowship of God's love by proclaiming the forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ and to nurture our members with God's Holy Word and Sacraments.



"And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him.'" (Mark 16:5-6)

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The Service of Preparation

(Even with the celebratory spirit of this day, silence should still be observed upon entering the nave to allow all the opportunity to prayerfully prepare for the presence of the Lord and the reception of His gifts)

Preparatory Prayer

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

The Prelude and Ringing of the Bells

(At the Ringing of the Bells, the congregation stands and faces the processional cross for the Call to Worship, Easter Proclamation, and Procession. It is customary to continue facing the cross as it is processed in and to bow your head and make the sign of the cross in reverence and admiration to the Lord as it passes your pew. The same applies for the recessional as Service concludes.)

The Call to Worship

- P** Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer your thankful praises!
- C** **The Lamb the sheep has ransomed: Chris, who only is sinless, reconciling sinners to the Father.**
- P** Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous:
- C** **The Prince of Life, who died, reigns immortal.**
- P** “Speak, Mary, declaring what you saw when wayfaring.”
- C** **“The tomb of Christ, who is living, the glory of Jesus’ resurrection;**
- P** Bright angels attesting, the shroud and napkin resting.
- C** **My Lord, my hope, is arisen; to Galilee He goes before you.”**
- P** Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining.
- C** **Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning! Amen. Alleluia!**

From Martin Luther’s Sermon for The Resurrection of Our Lord John 20:1-18

In the Gospel of John, Christ tells Mary Magdalene of the benefit and use of His Death and Resurrection still more plainly, when He says: “But go unto my brethren, and say to them, ‘I ascend unto My Father and your Father, and My God and your God’” (John 20:17). This is one of the great and comforting passages upon which we can venture, and of which we dare boast. As if Christ had said: “Go hence, Mary, and say to my disciples who have deserted Me on the field of battle, and who have well merited punishment and eternal condemnation, that My Resurrection has taken place for their benefit; that is, by My Resurrection I have brought it to pass that My Father is their Father, and My God is their God. These are few words and very short; but they contain a great thought, namely, that we have as great a confidence and refuge in God as Christ His Son Himself has. Who can grasp such exceeding joy, unless one speaks of himself when he says a poor, corrupt sinner can and may call God his Father and his God, just like Christ Himself does?”

The author of the Epistle to the Hebrews has grasped the words of Ps. 22:23 and taken them well to heart, when he says of Christ: “For which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the congregation will I sing thy praise” (Heb 2:11-12). If any worldly lord were to condescend so low as to say to a thief, or a murderer or to a low French character, “Thou art my brother”; that would be a great thing and everyone would be amazed at it; but that this King, who in his glory sits at the right hand of God, his Father, says to a poor sinner: “Thou art my brother”; that no one takes to heart, no one receives it in earnest, and yet on that hangs our highest comfort and courage against sin, death, Satan, hell, law, and against all misfortune, both of the body and of the soul.

Communicants are invited to pray the following:

Before receiving the Sacrament:

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament:

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Distribution Hymns

633 “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

461 “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

The Post-Communion Canticle: Nunc Dimittis (p. 165)

The Post-Communion Collect (p. 166)

The Easter Proclamation

P With joyful hearts and confident faith this Easter morning, we proclaim: He is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Benediction (p. 166)

The Recessional Hymn: 477 “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

The Postlude

Soli Deo Gloria!

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The Processional Hymn: 487 “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

The Confession and Absolution (p. 151)

The Service of the Word

The Introit

Ps. 139:1-2a, 8, 10; antiphon: Ps. 139:18b, 5b, 6



I awake, and I am still with you. Alle- | luia!*

[You] lay your hand upon me. Alle- | luia!

Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me;*
it is high; I cannot | attain it.

O Lord, you have searched me and | known me!*

You know when I sit down and when I | rise up.

If I ascend to heaven, | you are there!*

If I make my bed in Sheol, | you are there!

Even there your hand shall | lead me,*

and your right hand shall | hold me.

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.

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The Kyrie (pp. 152-153)

The Hymn of Praise: This is the Feast (p. 155)

The Salutation and Collect of the Day (p. 156)

Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. ⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

The Gradual

Ps. 118:24, 1

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!**

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

The Alleluia and Verse (p. 156—Common)

The Holy Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun

had risen, they went to the tomb. ³And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Hymn of the Day: 467 “Awake, My Heart, with Gladness”

The Nicene Creed (p. 158)

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The Service of the Sacrament

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