

# *Peace Lutheran Church*

"Peace Through Christ"

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## **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

May 7, 2023

**As We Gather** We enter God's presence today and admit that we don't always embrace or live out the faith to which we have been called. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, God guarantees His promises, assurances, and benefits for all who take up their cross and follow Jesus---the way, the truth, and the life. Martin Luther wrote: "This is the meaning of the word of Christ spoken here: to believe in God and to face without fear whatever may oppose and confront us."

**Attention Visitors** We celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion this morning. This holy meal is intended for Christians who acknowledge their need of God's forgiveness in their lives. The Bible teaches that Christ's body and blood are received with the elements of bread and wine and that Christians need to examine themselves before receiving this holy meal. (1Cor. 10 & 11). This meal further expresses a unity of faith as we gather at one table to receive the assurance of God's forgiveness through the body and blood of our Lord in the sacrament. We welcome baptized Christians to commune with us, those who believe and confess this same faith and understanding of the sacrament and of the Christian life. Persons who desire to receive grape juice select from the darker glasses. If you have any further questions concerning the sacrament, please ask to speak to the Pastor.

**Welcome Children-** A cry room is located near the church entryway. Please see an usher for guidance.

**Hearing aids and large print bulletins are available.** If you would like a hearing aid or large print bulletin please see an usher.





Get Ready for  
Roaring fun at...

**V.B.S.**

**June 19-23rd**

**9am-noon**

**Registration begins June 1st**

**Ages 3-5th grade**

**\$20 per child \$40 max per family**

**+Bible Stories**

**+Games**

**+Crafts**

**+Songs**

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**+ PREPARATION +**

**OPENING HYMN**

**“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”**



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me  
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so  
3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is  
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en; Let me keep Thy



en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty  
un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,  
du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed,  
gift di - vine, How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en;



Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed  
There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O  
Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, So that all I  
May Thy Word still o'er me shine As my guid - ing



is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!  
en - ter Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!  
hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.

## INVOCATION and OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious.

**People:** And whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.  
(1Peter 2:6)

## CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, asking God to grant us forgiveness and peace.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

Pastor: Lord Jesus,

**People: as we confess with our lips that You are the way, the truth, and the life, we wrestle with embracing this reality in our hearts. We struggle to accept the way that You make for us through Your suffering and death on the cross. We struggle to accept the way You choose to come to us in simple water, bread, and wine. We struggle to accept the way of our own cross and suffering and to believe that You are still with us. Forgive us. Strengthen, renew, and lead us by Your Spirit as people who have been redeemed through the resurrection.**

Pastor: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense."

**People: They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.**

We celebrate the life of *Bruce Fraser*, God's faithful and humble servant, who passed on Monday night while surrounded by his family. A man of perspicacious elegance and well-worn work pants, our beloved husband and father now watches over us in the company of our Lord. A joyful celebration will take place at the Fraser residence on May 13<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.



**HEALTH AND HEALING:** Ashley (Sandi Stepp's niece), Brandee Brand, Brian Derozer, Beverly Gandy, Helen (friend of Carol Yung), Damon Hermann (friend of Greg Olewiler), John Hollenbeck (friend of Eunice Harter), Vicki Hutter, Karen Johnson, Susan Klein, Mrs. Mai, (friend of Greg Olewiler), Carol Marker, Ryan Scott Morrison, Ann Marie Ramirez (friend of Carol Yung), Mike Reuter, Tim Schmidt, Don Schultz, David Stafford, Leslie Stenke, Ashley Stephen, Lara Tate, Bev Toro, Dusty Urban, Sandy Williamson, Lisa (Cassidy) Wright, Carol Yung and Ele Zorkocy.

**Pray for all military men, women and their families:** Jared Bautista, Jacob Chiles, Andrew Geib, Daniel Gross, Michael Hanson, Brian Miller, Kevin Schleicher, Stephen Volpei, Lucas Wentland, Henry Andermann, Avery Chapman and Adam Volpei.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF May 7, 2023

**SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS**- begins at 10:20am and concludes at 10:55am in the *Sanctuary*. (This will allow an opportunity for all members to attend a Bible class regardless of which service they choose for worship.)

**TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** meets @ 10am in the Coffee House. Our study is on the book of Luke. Come join us! For more info, contact Connie at 805-987-5116.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**- This study is held on Thursdays 7:30-8:30am with a continental breakfast, in the Fellowship Hall. Join us. For more info, call Kevin Krumdieck @ 805-551-8507.

**THE LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY** has begun a new study on Bible Feasts on Thursdays at 10 AM via Zoom. Participants learn about Jewish food customs, the meaning of each feast, and the promises about the eternal feast in heaven. Blaine or Diana Wanke for more info @ 805-490-8212.

**THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** meets @ 9:30AM in rotating homes, with a study of the "Gospel of John." If you have any questions please call Dave Schmidt at: 805-482-3867.

**PRAYER CHAIN**- If you have a prayer request please call *Sandi Stepp* at: 805-625-0479 or e-mail: [footstepps@verizon.net](mailto:footstepps@verizon.net).

**THE 2023 FLOWER CHART SIGN-UP** is posted in the Narthex. Sign up for the Sunday (s) of your choice. 2 signups are available for each Sunday. They are \$40.00 each.

**THE FOOD BANK**- Donations for the food pantry at St. Columba's Episcopal Church can be put in the donation box in the narthex.

**VBS VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP IS POSTED ON THE WHITE BOARD!**- Join the Babylon fun 6/19-23<sup>rd</sup> from 9-noon. We can use a few more helping hands.

**Staff meeting will be June 4<sup>th</sup> @12:30.** Find out what you can do to help. Call Linda La Jeunesse at the office for more info. 805-482-3313.

**SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY** would like to thank everyone who donated to the HELPING HANDS FUND. Your generosity is most appreciated!

**SPRING CLEANING**-Every month or two we will be targeting different areas of our church to clean. The projects are only 1-2 hours long. Our next one will be cleaning the nurseries scheduled for Saturday, May 20th at 9am. If enough people show up we will clean both nurseries. If you are available, please join us. If you have any suggestions for areas to clean, please contact Diana Wanke 805-490-8212.

Pastor: Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy." (1 Peter 2:10) God's good news to His people is that by your faith in the perfect life, atoning death and glorious resurrection of His Son, all your sins are forgiven. In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace.

**People: Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

### "Christ Is Our Cornerstone"



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build;  
2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im - plore,  
3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring;



With His true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are filled. On His  
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more Un - til  
Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus



great love Our hopes we place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.  
that day When all the blest To end - less rest Are called a - way.  
pro - claim In joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, you make the minds of your faithful to be of one will; therefore grant to your people that they may love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the manifold changes of this age our hearts may ever be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**+THE WORD OF GOD+**

**FIRST READING** .....Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60

*(After the reading)*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING** ..... 1 Peter 2:2-10

*(After the reading)*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**CHOIR**

**“Be Still My Soul/You Raise Me Up”**



**HOLY GOSPEL** .....John 14:1-14

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**THOSE WHO SERVE US NEXT SUNDAY MAY 14, 2023**

**9:00 am**

**11:00 am**

**Elder:** Dave Schmidt

Dave Hutter/Phil Hamilton

**Greeter:** Carol Yung

**Readers:** Bill Young

Tom Waddell

**Acolyte:** Lucas Williamson

**Ushers:** Glenn Benitz

Scott Ehlers

**Altar Care:** Nancy Fitch & Sonja Manzer/Rachael Ylizaliturri & Jane Morici

**Cookie & Coffee Service:** P. Frye, L. Langston and D. Markley

**Organist:** Karen Foote

**THIS WEEK AT PEACE May 7, 2023**

Sunday: 9:00 am Traditional Communion Service

9:20 am Sunday School

11:00 am Praise Service (FH)

1:30 pm New Life Christian Fellowship

4:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH)

Monday: Office Closed

Tuesday: 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study (PH)

Wednesday: 10:00 am Luther’s Attic Volunteers

6:30 pm A.C.A. Women’s Support Group

Thursday: 9:30 am Thursday Morning Bible Study

10:00 am Lighthouse Bible Study

5:45 pm Handbell Practice (Sanctuary)

6:00 pm Girl Scouts (FH)

7:00 pm Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

Friday: ++++++

Saturday: ++++++

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**POSTLUDE**

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Given to the glory of God by the members of  
Peace.

**ATTENDANCE ON 4/30/23:** 9:00am– **92** 11:00am–**25** Total: **117**  
Sunday School: **12**

**THOSE WHO SERVE US TODAY MAY 7, 2023**

**9:00 am**

**Elder:** Dave Schmidt

**Greeter:** Ken Anderson

**Readers:** Todd Harter

**Acolyte:** Blake Denninger

**Ushers:** Dave Schmidt

Roy Poehler

Jim DeVries

**Altar Care:** Nancy Fitch & Sonja Manzer /Rachael Ylizaliturri & Jane Morici

**Cookie & Coffee Service:** P. Frye, L. Langston and D. Markley

**Organist:** Karen Foote

**Choir Accompanist:** Sandy Haven

**Choir Director:** Linda La Jeunesse

**11:00 am**

Dave Hutter/Phil Hamilton

Richard Bongiorno

(After the Gospel is read)  
Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.  
**People: Praise to You O Christ.**

(Children are dismissed for Sunday School)

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“You Are the Way; through You Alone”**



1 You are the way; through You a - lone Can  
2 You are the truth; Your Word a - lone True  
3 You are the life; the emp - ty tomb Pro -  
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant



we the Fa - ther find; In You, O Christ, has  
wis - dom can im - part; You on - ly can in -  
claims Your con - qu'ring arm, And those who put their  
us that way to know, That truth to keep, that



God re - vealed His heart and will and mind.  
form the mind And pu - ri - fy the heart.  
trust in You Not death nor hell shall harm.  
life to win Whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

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**MESSAGE**

**“Greater Things Than These...”**

*John 14:1-14*

*Pastor Mike Schultze*

## CONFESSION OF FAITH (NICENE CREED)

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 worshipped 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 of  
the world to come. Amen

## OFFERING

*(Please sign and fill out the fellowship book and pass it down your pew.  
When finished, pass it back down your pew to the center aisle seat and  
the ushers will pick it up after the service.)*

## VOLUNTARY

## BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His  
face shine on you and be gracious unto you. The Lord  
look upon you with favor and give you peace.

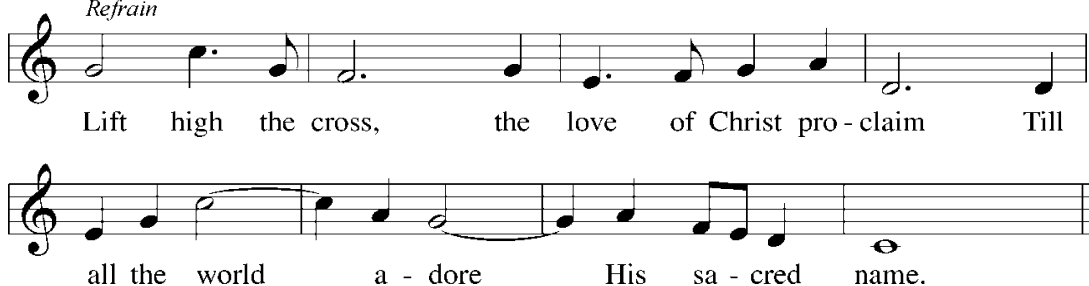
*Numbers 6:24-26*

People: Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

### “Lift High the Cross”

*Refrain*



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till  
all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.

1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our Cap-tain trod,  
3 All new-born sol-diers of the Cru-ci-fied  
4 O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,

*Refrain*

Our king vic-to-rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.  
As Thou hast prom-ised, draw us all to Thee.

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory!

*Refrain*

## “O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee”

1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to Thee My heart - felt  
 2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is  
 thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing -  
 come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with -  
 ly be - stowed On me Thy bod - y and Thy blood.  
 in my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

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## POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**Pastor:** Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Grant us Your grace, O Lord, that what we have received with our lips we may keep with pure hearts and so may continue as true members of the Body of Christ. May we truly treasure that which we have received, joyfully anticipating the divine fellowship of Your eternal kingdom. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**People: Amen.**

## OFFERTORY

### “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our  
 cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
 sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the  
 hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we  
 of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and  
 give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

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## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH



**+ SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION +**

**PREFACE**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

**SANCTUS**

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho-san-na. Ho-san-na. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

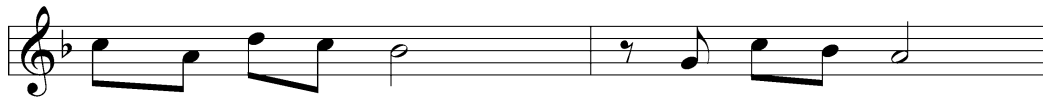
**“Be Still, My Soul”**

1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; Bear pa-tient-ly the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to or-der fu-ture as He has the past. Your hope, your con-fi-dence let dark-ened in this vale of tears; Then you will bet-ter know His be-fore-er with the Lord, When dis-ap-point-ment, grief, and and pro-vide; In ev-'ry change He faith-ful will re-noth-ing shake; All now mys-te-rious shall be bright at love, His heart, Who comes to soothe your sor-rows and your fear are gone, Sor-row for-got, love's pur-est joys re-main. Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'n-ly Friend last. Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know fears. Be still, my soul; your Je-sus can re-pay stored. Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past, Through thorn-y ways leads to a joy-ful end. His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be-low. From His own full-ness all He takes a-way. All safe and bless-ed we shall meet at last.

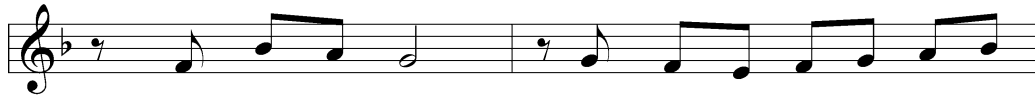
## “What Is This Bread”



1	What	is	this	bread?	Christ's	bod - y
2	What	is	this	wine?	The	blood of
3	So	who	am	I,	That	I should
4	Yet	is	God	here?	Oh,	yes! By
5	Is	this	for	me?	I	am for -



ris - en	from the	dead:	This	bread	we	break,
Je - sus	shed	for mine;	The	cup	of	grace
live	and	He should	Un - der	the	rod?	
Word	and	prom - ise	In	mouth	and	soul
giv - en	and	set free!	I	do	be - lieve	



This	life	we	take,	Was	crushed	to	pay	for	our	re -
Brings	His	em - brace		Of	life	and	love	un - til	I	
My	God,	my	God,	Why	have	You	not	for - sak - en		
He	makes	us	whole—	Christ,	tru - ly	pres - ent	in	this		
That	I	re - ceive		His	ver - y	bod - y	and	His		



lease.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	peace.
sing!	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	King.
me?	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	free.
meal.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	real.
blood.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	good.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**All:** **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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was  
betrayed, took bread, and when He had given  
thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and  
said: Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given  
for you. This do in remembrance of Me.  
In the same way also He took the cup  
after supper, and when He had given thanks, He  
gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is  
My + blood of the new testament, which is shed for  
you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as  
you drink it, in remembrance of Me.


## PEACE OF THE LORD


Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.


**People: Amen**


## AGNUS DEI

### “Lamb of God”


  
 Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have


  
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the


  
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



  
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

*(Please be seated)*




## HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION

### “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”


  
 1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;


2 When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,

3 When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws near


  
 I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.


When my life is al - most gone,

And the day is al - most gone,


  
 Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.

Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall.

At the riv - er I stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand,


  
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.

Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.

Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.

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