

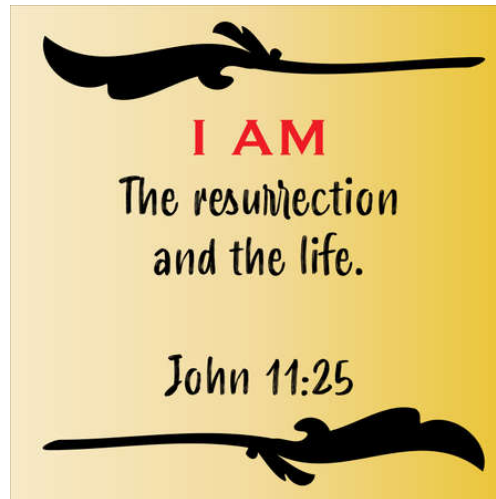
Peace Lutheran Church

“Peace Through Christ”

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 8, 2022



As We Gather It is Good Shepherd Sunday, on which we, "the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand" (*Psalm 95:7*) hear our Shepherd's voice. As Paul reminded the Christians in Ephesus, in this world it is not always easy to listen, but the vision from Revelation reminds us that the Lamb is now reigning, ensuring peace and joy. We know where our Shepherd is leading, and so we follow!

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

A special welcome to those with young children. If needed, a cry room is located near the church entryway complete with a window and sound so you may fully participate in worship. If you need guidance please see an usher.

**RINGING OF THE BELL
PRELUDE
WELCOME**

+PREPARATION+

OPENING HYMN

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om -

scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the
left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is
earth our food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the
nip - o - tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of

tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.
sin - ful Flee to You from day to day.
Mar - y, Earth Your foot - stool, heav'n Your throne.

Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der
Though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him When the
In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, Earth's Re -
As with - in the veil You en - tered, Robed in

like a might - y flood: “Je - sus out of
for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for -
deem - er, hear our plea Where the songs of
flesh, our great High Priest, Here on earth both

ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood.”
get His prom - ise: “I am with you ev - er - more”?
all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
priest and vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES Revelation 7:15-17

Pastor: "Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;

**People: and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with
his presence.**

Pastor: They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;

**People: the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching
heat.**

Pastor: For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their
shepherd,

**People: and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."**

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

(Silence for reflection on the Word of God and for self-examination.)

Pastor: St. Paul warned, "I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in
among you, not sparing the flock." *Acts 20:29*

**People: We confess that we have sought to repel false teachers through the
strength of our wisdom and willpower, rather than relying on the Good
News of our Shepherd's obedience, even to His dying on the cross.
Forgive us, heavenly Father.**

Pastor: John was promised that in heaven, "God will wipe away every tear from their
eyes." *Revelation 7:17c*

**People: We confess that we have allowed the sorrows of this world to
overshadow the certain faith the Holy Spirit has given us, at times
diminishing or even forgetting the gracious promises You have made for
the sake of Christ. Forgive us, heavenly Father.**

Pastor: Jesus said, "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me."
John 10:27

**People: We confess that too often we have been wandering sheep, listening to
each other's bleating and the allures of our fallen world, instead of
paying attention to our Shepherd's voice. Forgive us, heavenly Father.**

Pastor: Jesus conveys beautiful promises to all those whom the Father has given Him
as His flock, "I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will
snatch them out of My hand." *John 10:28* By God's grace alone through faith
in our Good Shepherd alone, all your sins have been forgiven, in the name of
the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

HYMN

“Have No Fear, Little Flock”



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; Have no fear, lit - tle
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; Have good cheer, lit - tle
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; Praise the Lord high a -
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; Thank - ful hearts raise to

flock, For the Fa - ther has cho - sen To
flock, For the Fa - ther will keep you In
bove, For He stoops down to heal you, Up -
God, For He stays close be - side you, In

give you the King - dom; Have no fear, lit - tle flock!
His love for - ev - er; Have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
lift and re - store you; Praise the Lord high a - bove!
all things works with you; Thank - ful hearts raise to God!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us by name and follow where He leads; through the same 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 20:17-35
(Paul warns the Ephesians about spiritual wolves.)

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Revelation 7:9-17
(John sees the Lamb who was slain, now reigning on His throne.)

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



HYMN

“Behold a Host, Arrayed in White”



1 Be - hold a host, ar - rayed in white, Like thou - sand
 2 De - spised and scorned, they so - journed here; But now, how
 3 O bless - ed saints in bright ar - ray Now safe - ly



snow - clad moun - tains bright! With palms they stand; Who
 glo - rious they ap - pear! Those mar - tyrs stand, A
 home in end - less day, Ex - tol the Lord, Who



is this band Be - fore the throne of light? These are the
 priest - ly band, God's throne for - ev - er near. On earth they
 with His Word Sus - tained you on the way. The steep and



saints of glo - rious fame, Who from the great af -
 wept through bit - ter years; Now God has wiped a -
 nar - row path you trod; You toiled and sowed the



flic - tion came And in the flood Of Je - sus' blood
 way their tears, Trans - formed their strife To heav'n - ly life,
 Word a - broad; Re - joice and bring Your fruits and sing



Are cleansed from guilt and shame. They now serve God both
 And freed them from their fears. They now en - joy the
 Be - fore the throne of God. The myr - iad an - gels



day and night; They sing their songs in end - less light. Their
 Sab - bath rest, The heav'n - ly ban - quet of the blest; The
 raise their song; O saints, sing with that hap - py throng! Lift



an - thems ring As they all sing With an - gels shin - ing bright.
 Lamb, their Lord, At fes - tive board Him - self is host and guest.
 up one voice; Let heav'n re - joice In our Re - deem - er's song!

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HOLY GOSPEL..... John 10:22-30

(Jesus affirms that no one can snatch His flock from His care.)

Pastor : The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter.

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

(After the Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord

People: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

HYMN OF THE DAY

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
love He sought me And on His shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!

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MESSAGE

**Curious But Not Convinced:
You Can Only Straddle A Fence For So Long
Before It Starts Doing Permanent Damage**

John 10:22-30

Pastor Rob Rebensal

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor: Shepherds provide for all the needs of their flock. Our Creator God provides not only for our spiritual health, but also for all that we need for our physical, emotional, and social wellbeing. Believing in God the Father as Creator of all is the focus of the Small Catechism's explanation to the First Article of the Apostles' Creed, which we use now as our confession of faith.

People: **I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.**

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.)

HYMN DURING OFFERING

"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my
3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,
staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,
Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry
In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He
By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.
bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

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OFFERTORY

“Create in Me”

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion; and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men."

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICTION

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 His peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we
2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and
4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures
guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -
sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -
let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.
fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.
lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have



bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,
chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,
let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,
loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,



bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.
bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.
bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given to the glory of God by the members of Peace in honor of Mother's Day.

ATTENDANCE ON 5/1/22: 9:00am-81 11:00am-40 Total:121

Sunday School-9

THOSE WHO SERVE US TODAY May 8, 2022

	<u>9:00 am</u>	<u>11:00 am</u>
Elder:	Dave Schmidt	Bob Weaver
Greeters:	Carol Yung	
Readers:	Toni Radle	Susan Weaver
Acolytes:	Shane Muller	
Ushers:	Ken Anderson Glenn Benitz Scott Ehlers	
Altar Care:	Lori Schultze	Rachael Ylizaliturri & Jane Morici
Organist:	Karen Foote	

THOSE WHO SERVE US NEXT SUNDAY May 15, 2022

	<u>9:00 am</u>	<u>11:00 am</u>
Elder:	Dave Schmidt	Bob Weaver
Greeters:	Luci Pommers	
Readers:	Linda Elbert	Peter Lee
Acolytes:	Michelle Ullerick	
Ushers:	Mike McCracken Tom La Jeunesse Rick Poore	
Altar Care:	Lori Schultze	Rachael Ylizaliturri & Jane Morici
Organist:	Karen Foote	
Choir Director:	Linda La Jeunesse	

THIS WEEK AT PEACE May 8, 2022

Today: 9:00 am Traditional Service
11:00 am Praise Communion Service (FH)
10:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Adult Bible Study (Coffeehouse)
1:30 pm New Life Christian Fellowship
4:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH)

Monday: *Office closed*

Tuesday: 10:00 am Women's Bible Study (Coffeehouse)

Wednesday: 10:00 am Luther's Attic Volunteers

Thursday: 6:45 am Men's Bible Study
9:30 am Thursday Morning Bible Study
10:00 am LifeLight Bible Study via Zoom
5:45 pm Handbell rehearsal
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday: 6:00 pm Confirmation

Saturday: 10:00 am Praise Band practice

5/15 Sunday: 9:00 am Traditional Communion Service
11:00 am Praise Service (FH)
1:30 pm New Life Christian Fellowship
4:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 8, 2022

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will begin their study of Philippians. Come join us as we meet in the Coffee House. For more info contact Connie at 805-987-5116.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY- This study is on "Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi Return to the Lord" on **Thursdays**, 6:45am with breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Join us. For more info, call Dave Hutter @ (805)386-7007.

THE LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY will begin a 4 week video series beginning May 12th at 10 AM via Zoom. The video series is Fire on the Mountain by Ray Vander Laan. If you would like to join this study, please contact Dave Hutter at 805.660.9340.

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 @ 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.

THE FOOD BANK- Donations for the food pantry at St. Columba's Episcopal Church can be put in the donation box in the narthex. Donations are taken to the pantry weekly. Shelf stable milk, cereal, canned vegetables, tuna, and peanut butter are always needed, but all non-perishable, unexpired donations are appreciated. The pantry serves our Camarillo seniors and families that need a helping hand. We thank you for your continued support.

THE 2022 FLOWER CHART is posted on the white board in the Narthex outside the Cry Room. Please sign up for the Sunday(s) of your choice. Two signups are available for each Sunday. The arrangements are \$35.00 each, and the check or money can be placed in the offering plate. Please note on the check or on the envelope that it is designated for "Flowers". Following the 9:00 service, you may take your arrangement home.

BIBLE TIMES CULTURE WHERE JESUS WALKED



VBS is BACK! June 27th through July 1st- "Jerusalem Marketplace"

We could use your help ...

Join our staff for a rewarding week of spiritual growth and community outreach as kids come back here, to learn from us about the days when Jesus walked. You could also help us by inviting a child to attend (3yrs.-5th grade), loan us some theme decorations, offer prayers and donations. The sign-up sheet is on the white board or call the office. A volunteer meeting will be **June 5th @ 12:15** in the Proverbs House. Contact Linda LaJeunesse (lindalaj@aol.com) or Mike Schultze (alienyooth@mac.com) for more information.

DOOR OFFERING TO SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL GOSPEL MINISTRY - In April 2021, Rev. Paul was our guest Pastor. Paul and Gena Nelson will be serving in Indonesia, based in Medan. In this role, Paul works closely with the Indonesian Christian Lutheran Church and helps train and mentor local pastors and lay leaders. Please pray for Paul and Gena as they serve in Indonesia. We will be collecting a door offering **TODAY, May 8th to help support their work.**



Pray for...

HEALTH AND HEALING: Ashley (Sandi Stepp's niece), Lili Baehr, Brandee Brand, Edith Braukis, Terry Breckinridge, Carolyn Cooper, Marshall Denninger, Brian Derozer, Melissa Dupuis, Nerces Eykjian, Bruce Fraser, Beverly Gandy, Helen (friend of Carol Yung), Damon Hermann (friend of Greg Olewiler), John Hollenbeck (friend of Eunice Harter), Vicki Hutter, Karen Johnson, Judy (friend of Schultze family), Dick Mahlke, Rick Mahlke, Mrs. Mai, (friend of Greg Olewiler), Carol Marker, Ryan Scott Morrison, Gene O'Neal, Jim Pedersen, Anna Peloso, Ann Marie Ramirez (friend of Carol Yung), Mark Reuter, Mike Reuter, Toni Rizer, Lil Rodriguez (Luther's Attic worker), Tim Schmidt, Shane Sheldon (relative of Melissa Hamilton), Don Schultz, Dale Sieber, David Stafford, Gertrude Stenke, 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 and women especially:* Jared Bautista, Jacob Chiles, Andrew Geib, Daniel Gross, Michael Hanson, Brian Miller, Kevin Schleicher, Stephen Volpei, Lucas Wentland and Henry Andermann.

Also remember their families in your prayers.