

Peace Lutheran Church

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Thursday, May 22, 2025 + 6:00 PM & Sunday, May 25, 2025 + 8:00 AM

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK** - “I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”  
*John 16:33*

**INVOCATION**

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

C: Amen.

**OPENING HYMN**

“Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice”

**LSB 556 v. 1,7,10**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

L: Lord of all, we confess that often we are poor examples of Christian love and faith to those around us.

C: **We are sorry for the times in our life we fail to show others our faith and trust in you.**

L: Gracious God, the example we set for others often shows our shallow self-centeredness, rather than sacrificial love.

C: **We are sorry for trusting in ourselves and the things of this world, rather than living by faith in You.**

L: Merciful Savior, despite Your command to love others because You first loved us, we often display a lack of love, care, and concern for those around us.

C: **We are sorry that instead of love, many people see our judgment, our anger, and our ill will toward others. Help us to be examples of faith!**

L: God has rescued His people from their sins of thoughts, words, and actions. Through Jesus’ death and resurrection, He paid the punishment for these and all sins. To all who believe in Him, He grants pardon and forgiveness. In Jesus’ name, and by the power of His resurrection, your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

**RESPONSE**

“I Leave All Things To God’s Direction”

**LSB 719 v. 1-4**

## **PRAYER FOR THE DAY**

L: Let us pray. 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.

C: **Amen.**

## **FIRST READING**

Acts 16:9-15

*Pew Bible Pg. 870*

A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE READING**

*Revelation 22:1-6, 12-20*

*Pew Bible Pg. 978*

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place."

“Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay everyone for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

Paul Thompson

### **GOSPEL**

*John 16:20-33*

*Pew Bible Pg. 849*

Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

“I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the

Father on your behalf; for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**SERMON HYMN**                      “I Want to Walk as A Child of the Light”                      **LSB 411 v. 1-3**

**SERMON**                      “What Lies Ahead?”                      Pastor Jarod Fenske  
John 16:22-33

**NICENE CREED**

**OFFERING & HYMN**                      “Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”                      **LSB 680 v. 1-4**

**PEACE LUTHERAN 8TH GRADE GRADUATION** (Thursday night only)

**GRADUATION RECOGNITION** (8:00 am service only)

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**CLOSING PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

L: The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.

C: **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**                      “Christ is Our Cornerstone”                      **LSB 912 v. 1**