

Peace Lutheran Church  
Third Sunday of Easter  
Saturday, April 13, 2024 + 6:00 PM & Sunday, April 14, 2024 + 8:00 AM

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK** - "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" *1 John 3:1*

**INVOCATION**

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

C: **Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN** "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" **LSB 465 v. 1-4**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

L: O Lord, our God, You have set before us the way of life in Your Son, Jesus Christ, but we confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow Him, and our reluctance to bear the cross.

C: **Have mercy on us, O Lord, and forgive us our sins.**

L: Forgive us the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitance to witness for Christ, our reluctance to serve You, and our failure to be faithful in the stewardship of all that You have entrusted to our care.

C: **Have mercy on us, O Lord, and forgive us our sins.**

L: Forgive us that so little of Your love has reached others through us, that we have been quick to judge and condemn, and slow to forgive and reconcile, neither loving You above all things nor loving our neighbor as ourselves.

C: **Have mercy on us, O Lord, and forgive us our sins.**

L: God has indeed had mercy upon you. By sending His one and only Son, Jesus Christ, your sins were taken to the cross, where He died in your place. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
forgiven!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

**RESPONSE HYMN**

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives” **LSB 461 v. 1-3, 8**

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY**

**L:** O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

**FIRST READING**

*Acts 3:11-21*

While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon’s, astounded. And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: “Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

“And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.”

**L:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING**

*1 John 3:1-7*

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

8:00AM

Pastor Dave Karolus

**GOSPEL**

*Luke 24:36-49*

As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending

the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON HYMN**

"He's Risen, He's Risen"

**LSB 480 v. 1-5**

**SERMON**

"Why Take the Step?"  
1 John 3:1-7

Pastor Dave Karolus

**APOSTLE'S CREED**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**OFFERING HYMN**

"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"

**LSB 680 v. 1-5**

**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.

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

C: **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"

**LSB 475 v. 1**