

Peace Lutheran Church
THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
March 31, 2024 8:00 a.m.

BELL SELECTION

TRUMPET SOLO

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION AND OPENING VERSES *Spoken from the entrance to the sanctuary.*

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: We gather to worship the living God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: Open to me the gates of righteousness

C: that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. Psalm 118:19

L: This is the day the Lord has made!

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Psalm 118:24

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" *LSB 457 v. 1-4 choir v.3*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L: Brothers and sisters in Christ: This morning we walk with the women to the garden graveyard, to the place that has transformed our world and our own life. This is where we meet the risen Lord Jesus, who was victorious over sin, death, and the devil. We come to Him now, confessing our sins and seeking His gracious forgiveness. With sincere hearts and minds, let us confess our sins:

C: Forgive us Lord and have mercy upon us. Forgive our self-centered rebellion against You and our lack of love for others. Roll away the stone of sin and the hardness of our own hearts and lives.

L: Jesus has carried our sins to His own death. In your baptism your sinful nature was united to the death of Jesus and you were raised to new life. You are a new

creation in Christ Jesus! Alleluia! 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! We have been forgiven! We have been restored to new life in Christ! Alleluia!

HYMN OF PRAISE "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" **LSB 790 v. 1, 2, & 5**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Father in heaven, through the death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You destroyed death, and through the forgiveness of sins You give us life and salvation, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING *Psalm 16*

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ADULT CHOIR

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But 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. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Dave Karolus

ALLELUIA VERSE

LSB p.156

GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. 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. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” And 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.

L: This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

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

SERMON “If not here, then where?” *Pastor Jarod Fenske*
Mark 16:1-8

APOSTLES CREED

OFFERING PRAYER

BELL SELECTION

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Risen and reigning Lord, on this day You overcame death and the grave for us. Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

L: Risen and reigning Lord, You have promised that because You live, we will live also. In You we have forgiveness and eternal life. Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

L: Risen and reigning Lord, empower us by Your Spirit to share with the world the good news of salvation in Your name. Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

L: Risen and reigning Lord, Your victory over death and the grave gives us the assurance of our own victory over sin, evil and its effects on us. Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

L: We pray for those who are in particular need of Your strength, healing and encouragement at this time including all who are suffering the effects of natural disasters and war, those serving in our nations military, and we pray for our many health care workers, and emergency services personnel who are

serving those in need, keep them safe and healthy. Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: We pray for those with special needs this day; (*special petitions are included*)...Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION LITURGY

L: The celebration of the Lord's Supper is a gift from Christ to His church in order to strengthen our faith and grant us His grace. Because our participation in this sacrament is a proclamation of our common faith, and may be taken either to one's spiritual benefit or harm, guests who hold to a different confession of faith or have yet to complete Lutheran confirmation, are invited to come forward for a blessing rather than to receive the Supper. This can be done by crossing your hands in front of you as you come forward.

L: The Lord continues to come to us boldly and lovingly through His true body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine in this meal. It is His meal, the Lord's Supper. He gives us the precious gifts of forgiveness, grace, renewal, and strength as we come together to His altar as His body of believers, made alive by His resurrection.

C: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION & HYMNS

Adult Choir

Bell Choir Selection

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

"Beautiful Savior, King of Creation"

LSB 465 v. 1-4

LSB 537 v. 1-4

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: We praise You for Your presence among us, risen Lord! We thank You for the gift of life we receive in Your glorious resurrection. We ask that we who have been fed by Your Word and Sacrament may serve You in word and deed; The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

BENEDICTION

P: For this purpose Christ came and for this purpose He died and was raised: to bring salvation to all. May the Lord who brought salvation to all through the cross and empty tomb 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

C: Amen.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CLOSING HYMN

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

LSB 525 v. 1

