SERMON NOTES

"The First Step Was/Is the Hardest"
Pastor Jarod Fenske

Our Vision

Peace will nurture and educate families in our community, beginning with children, so that they live abundant lives in Christ.

<u>The Lord's Supper</u>—Is a gift of God's grace, where we receive the true body and blood of Christ, in the bread and wine. This meal is also a testimony of our common faith. Those belonging to a non-LCMS church are invited to come forward for a blessing, during the distribution, by crossing your hands over your chest when you approach the altar. Please speak with an usher if you are in need of a gluten free wafer.

<u>Large Print Hymnals and Hearing Devices</u> —Please see the Info Center or an usher for assistance.

<u>Joining Peace Lutheran</u> —We invite you to become part of this Christian community! If interested in membership, please speak with Pastor Dave or Pastor Jarod.

Today's Worship

Organist: Delores Kohler

8:00a	Christ the Lord Is Risen Today Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven	<i>LSB</i> 463 v. 1-4 <i>LSB</i> 477 v. 1-3
	When Peace Like a River	LSB 763 v. 1-3
	He's Risen, He's Risen	LSB 480 v. 1-5
	Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won	LSB 490 v. 1

10:30a Graves Into Gardens
Christ is Risen
God of Wonders
This is Amazing Grace

Bible Acts 4:32-35 Readings: 1 John 1:1—2:2 John 20:19-31

Elder: Todd Phillips

Altar Guild: Sharon Zmuda & Gail Remington

AV Team:

Sat. 6:00p: Chris Gundry

Sun. 8:00a: Howard Jansen, Melanie Rogers, Saveah M. Sun. 10:30a: Howard Jansen, melanie Rogers, Maleah S.

<u>Radio Broadcast</u> - Sponsored by the Poltrock Family in memory of Virginia Poltrock

Our Response to God's Love

Undesignated and BFIC memorials given in memory of Marlow Strehlow by The Sorgent & Wolf families, John & Kathy Lueck family, Martin Summ, and Ed & Kathy Steger.

Undesignated memorial given in memory of Sandy Goeman by Ed & Mary Ann Strandell.

Worship Attendance

Holy Communion — 556

Sunday March 31 6:00A—129 Sunday March 31 8:00a—360

Bible Study — 25

Sunday March 31 10:30a—232

<u>Tithes & Offerings Received Last Week</u>

*Building Families In Christ

General Expenses -	\$16,031	To Date Given -	\$	555,597
Needed Weekly -	\$13,396	Budgeted to Date	\$	535,840
*BFIC this week -	\$ 1,275	*BFIC to Date -		2,137,934

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"Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you!
As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

John 20:21

Saturday, April 6, 2024 6:00 pm Sunday, April 7, 2024 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Our Mission

As followers of Jesus Christ, our purpose is to strengthen each other in Him, so that we share His love and Good News with everyone.







Welcome! We are glad you are here! Please take a moment to sign and pass the Record of Fellowship in your pew or online at peaceantigo.org/church.

<u>Today in Worship</u> Christ himself took the hard steps of becoming man for a broken world and even defeating death on our behalf. His call to us is to go out and share His word and love with the world. The first step out of comfort and safety is never easy.

Online Opportunities Weekly The 8:00 am & 10:30 am Sunday services livestreams on Facebook; 6:00pm Sunday Bible Study, 7:30 am morning devotions on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Wednesday's Chapel service at 8:15am. Service livestreams and recordings are also available at peaceantigo.org and at Peace Lutheran Ministries on YouTube.

First Step Discipleship Series Discipleship can feel like a daunting part of the Christian life. Maybe its time that we shift the focus from the end goal of membership to the individuals who need to hear the Gospel, and the journey that comes with sharing it. Whether it be the immediate success stories or the lifelong journeys, it all starts with that first step.

<u>1st—8th Grade</u> Grades are singing on April 21 during the 10:30 am worship service.

<u>Transfer the Blessings</u> A gift planning counselor is a built-in companion for the journey so that you don't have go through the process alone. Your need for answers might be as simple as, "How do I change a beneficiary designation to create a gift from my estate." Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can be there for you to assist with your learning. Contact Gary Vought at 715-891-1447.

<u>LWML Spring Rally</u> Tues. April 9, 8:30, at St. Peter Lutheran, Polar. Begins at 8:30 am. Guest Speaker, Karol Selle, presenting, "Joy in This Journey". Luncheon, \$5. Gifts of the Heart will be collected: Personal items, towels, blankets, non-perishable food, etc. (All items will be going to Avail) Pre-register by April 2, to Phyllis Sprengler, call, 715-623-0924.

Stephen Ministry "Caring Corner" It's very common to become angry at God. "How could God let this happen?" "Why wasn't God there?" "Why does God allow suffering?" People often hold in their anger toward God or are ashamed to tell anyone about it.

K. Haugk (Journeying Through Grief)

<u>New Member Reception and Baptisms</u> on April 28 at the 10:30 worship service, plan to be there to welcome our newest members.

Peace Prayers

Peace Family: Jack Greening; Nancy Hunter; Stephanie Wolf; Gloria Kohn; Richard Viergutz.

Friends & Family: Bob Stickney; Jan Young; Tom Harrington (friend of the Hunter Family); Jim & Barb Quinn (sister of Sharon Zmuda); Sarah (Jane Hunter's niece); Allen Doucette (brother of Jay Doucette); Rae (friend of Lenore & Scott Blemke); Maggie (niece of Lenore Blemke); Arno Arndt (brother of Rod Arndt); Brian Bauknecht (son of Joanie Bauknecht-Peterson); & Bonnie Messer.

Bereaved The families of Sandy Goeman and Joyce Arrowood (sister-in-law of Keith Wagner). May the Lord be with and comfort the family and those who mourn.

Baptism will take place after the 10:30 service for Thomas Jack Greening. Sponsors are Eric Greening, Molly Hofer, and Jessica Burke. May the Lord bless Thomas throughout his lifetime.

This week we pray for the Peace Families: Paula & (Mark) Oldenburg; Erik Olsen; Justin, Jessica, Julaine, Jaxin, & Audrey Olson; Kevin, Shantelle, Maleah, & Brantley Olsson; & Noah Orgeman.

We pray for our military: Bryce Watson, Royce Bauer, Will Anderson, Matthew Manney, Nolan Nowinsky, Cody Schilcher, Jacob Stuckert, Lexi Eddings, Jake Tatro, Conner Dettman, Keith Kleinschmidt, Jacob Dettman, Aiden Stimac & Zach Morris for their protection and safe return, as well as healing for those who have been injured and are recovering. (Please submit prayer requests to the Office or Info Center. Prayer requests will be shared for 1-4 weeks and may be renewed.).

This Week's Calendar of Events

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Mission Antigo is Saturday June 1 and Mon.—Thurs. June 3-6

Volunteer Forms and Project Request forms are now available online and at the info booth. Return them to Jeff Nielsen, at the Info desk, or in the Office. Please see the forms for due dates and other information.

Peace Church, School and Childcare Office

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