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But the Lord said to him (Ananias), *“Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel¹”* Acts 9:15

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

How many of you would have the same reaction as Ananias? He has heard about Saul and all of the imprisonment, murder, and suffering, that Saul was planning on doing. He does not want to go to Saul.

Many times, we are like that. We hear of people's reputations, whether good or bad, and we think ill of someone if they have sinned grievously. We do not want to reach out with the Gospel to someone who has been imprisoned for years. When someone comes into church wearing tattered jeans, a bright pink mohawk, and covered in tattoos, how would we treat them? I pray that we would treat them kindly and welcome them with open arms. Yet, many people would have the same reaction as Ananias, 'Really Lord, why are they here? Why are they wearing that? Do they not have anything better?'

In doing so, we sin. God's mercy and grace is for everyone, no matter what they look like! Jesus died and rose to forgive everyone of every single one of their sins. He does not say, 'You have a mohawk, no getting into heaven for you.' Rather, as the Lord replies to Ananias, 'He is a chosen instrument.' They are dear and beloved children, loved by their Heavenly Father, the same as we are.

Lord, help us to resist our sinful natures. Help us to see others the same as You see them. Help us to reach out to those around us with Your grace and mercy.

Your Servant in Christ,
Rev. Joshua Reinke

¹ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#) (Ac 9:15). (2016). Crossway Bibles.

J H A N K S TO

Kaye Franczyk for stepping in as congregational secretary at the Voters Meeting.
Val Martin, Gloria Creek, Tristin Reinke, and Jean Zier for playing organ during our worship services.
The Youth who prepared, cooked, decorated and served the Easter breakfast on Easter morning.
Everyone on the Prayer Chain for their time and prayers.
All those people who volunteer to serve as officers in our congregation.
Elsie Huss for changing the banners and paraments.
Everyone on the Prayer Chain for their time and prayers.
Robert Fletcher for cleaning the church.
Cheri Magnuson for cleaning the Communion linens.
Toni Nivens for making by hand all of the anniversary and birthday cards for the congregational members. They are all very beautiful and very much appreciated!

This list is not inclusive. Please accept our apologies if we have missed giving you credit for serving the Lord in any fashion. We know that the Lord knows your service to Him.

LWML

- ♥ **Our next meeting will be Monday, May 3 at 11:00 a.m. with a Bible study.** We will have elections of officers and a brief meeting. All ladies of Peace are invited and encouraged to come and join us! Remember your Mite Boxes!
- ♥ **Our annual planning meeting will be on Saturday, July 12, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.** This is the meeting that we plan the coming year's activities, events and projects. All ladies of Peace are invited and encouraged to come and help with the planning for the coming year.

Ladies Bible Study Schedule

The Lord's glorious flower garden is in full bloom from the foothills to the mountains. Down at low altitude meadows you will find purple leather flower, bluebells, western blue flag (iris), and white pussytoes. Trekking higher glacier lilies, calypso and Lady Slipper orchids are hiding in the shade of the evergreen forest. Drive on one of the gravel roads off Highway 89 between Monarch and King's Hill and take a stroll to view these beauties that the Lord has planted. A wildflower walk is planned for May. Watch the Sunday bulletin for the time and date.

Friday Ladies Bible Class continues to be in recess until further notice.

The Assistant Living Ministry will bring hymn singing and a devotion to Highgate Senior Living, 3000 11th Avenue South, on Friday, May 30th at 1:30pm. Before going to Highgate, the no-host lunch will be held at the Bar S at 11:30am. Pastor Reinke will provide a worship service at Highgate at 1:30pm on Monday, May 12th. He will hold a worship service at The Lodge, 1801 9th Avenue South, on Monday, May 19th at 1:30pm. Our church members, who live at these locations and cannot get to Sunday morning services, will greatly enjoy having you join them at theirs!

Wildflower Walk

Last year an attempt was made to have a wildflower walk on a Saturday in May. It was cold and rainy on the appointed day and postponed. The next Saturday had the same weather problems. This year the group will not be limited to the weekend. At this writing the date for the Trinity-Peace Wildflower Walk is Friday, May 16th, meeting at 8am at the Peace parking lot. Please call Marge Johnsten at 406-788-0180 if you plan to go on the walk. Wear good walking boots or shoes. Dress warmly in layers with a wind-breaker jacket if there are clouds and a cold breeze. Yes, it can be cold in the mountains on a May morning. The flowers thrive in cool weather. Bring a sandwich to have an early picnic afterwards or plan to eat at a restaurant in Monarch or Belt for some western atmosphere. Invite your friends and neighbors along.



May Anniversaries

May 1 - Leonard and Eva Sivumaki
 May 10 - Mitch and Val Martin
 May 10 - Mike and Cheri Magnuson
 May 22 - Blair and Alix Johnson
 May 25 - Greg and Kaye Franczyk

Baptismal Anniversaries

May 5 Trey Short
 7 Gary Link
 10 Cindy Greenwood
 13 Bruce Kempf
 21 Madeline Creek
 21 Shannon Birkholz
 31 Ann Nimmick



INCLUDE THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

The following people are experiencing health problems:

Ben Aagaard – 12 year old with liver cancer
Marylan Dallum – health issues - Fort Benton
Jody Decker – health issues - Fort Benton
Michael Drummond – Lupus
Rev. Mark Grunst of Billings who has Lewy Body disease
Marge Johnsten - cancer
Connie Juden - health issues
Rev. Erich Kaelberer – ALS
Bruce Kempf – health issues
Eloise Morehead – health issues
Becky Schlund - MS
Steven Schlund - Parkinsons

Ushers for May

May 4 ----- Greg Franczyk
 ----- Jeff Blomgren
 May 11 ----- Pat Lewis
 ----- Kevin Aguiar
 May 18 ----- Jeff Blomgren
 ----- Arnie Gidlow
 May 25 ----- Mitch and Taylor Martin

Echoz Baby Bottle Campaign

We will be handing out baby bottles for the Echoz Baby Bottle Campaign that we do every year. Please fill the bottle with your spare change or write a check made out to Echoz and bring it back on Father's Day, June 15th! Thank you for your continued support!

Vacation Bible School dates set

The dates for VBS have been set for **June 16-20, 2025 from 9 AM to 12 noon**. The theme is “**5 Words of Understanding**”. Come and join us!! If you would like to help in any way, please contact Linda Aguiar at 406-402-9521

Wee Disciples Fund Raiser

Every third Tuesday of the month, you can help raise funds for Wee Disciples by eating at Fuddruckers! No coupon necessary! Just mention Wee Disciples and they will donate 20% of your meal proceeds to We Disciples!

Offering Counters needed

We are in search of people to help count the offering each Sunday for a month at a time. If you are interested in helping serve the Lord and the members of Peace Lutheran in this fashion, there is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board. If you need to be trained on how to count offering, please contact Greg Franczyk.

Installation of officers

Those officers who are elected at the voters meeting will be installed on **Sunday, May 19** during our 10 AM worship service.

Wednesday morning Men's Bible Study

The Wednesday morning Men's Bible Study meets at A&K Diner. They meet at 6:30 AM each Wednesday. ALL men are invited and welcome to join!



MEN'S BREAKFAST



Save Your
Items for Our
Rummage Sale

Rummage Sale

The Camp Committee and members of Christ for the Deaf
have set the date for the rummage sale as
Saturday, May 24 beginning at 8 AM
and going until we are done.

We will be setting up on Friday, May 23 but the sale is Saturday
only.

Proceeds will help defray costs for camp.

If you have some things to donate or are interested in helping in any
way, please talk with
Tim VanderMolen or Pastor Reinke.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

(4 May 2025)

Acts 9:1–22

Revelation 5:(1–7) 8–14

John 21:1–14 (15–19)

The Good Shepherd Feeds His Lambs

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain” (Rev. 5:12), who by His cross has conquered sin and death. With His blood, He has “ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation” (Rev. 5:9). This same Lord Jesus visits people of all nations and calls them to Himself by the Gospel, even as He “was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead” (John 21:14). He restored Simon Peter to faith and life, and He commissioned him to feed His lambs and tend His sheep (John 21:15–17). Likewise, He revealed Himself to Saul of Tarsus and brought him to repentance, so that the persecutor of Jesus might carry and confess His name “before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel” (Acts 9:15).

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(11 May 2025)

Acts 20:17–35

Revelation 7:9–17

John 10:22–30

The Good Shepherd Cares for His Sheep

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came from the Father and became flesh among us in order to rescue us, His sheep. He laid down His life for us and took it up again in order to give us eternal life. By the preaching of His Gospel, He calls His sheep to Himself and keeps them with Him forever. As they hear His voice and follow Him, “they will never perish” (John 10:28), for “no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand” (John 10:29). In the same way, faithful pastors (literally, “shepherds”) “care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood” (Acts 20:28), “testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ” (Acts 20:21). Therefore, with all the company of heaven, the Good Shepherd gathers His flock in worship, as they cry: “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” (Rev. 7:10).

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(18 May 2025)

Acts 11:1–18

Revelation 21:1–7

John 16:12–22 or John 13:31–35

Jesus Turns Sorrow into Joy

On earth “you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy” (John 16:20). Already the Spirit grants you peace and joy through the forgiveness of your sins. For by the cross of Christ, “God has granted repentance that leads to life” (Acts 11:18). His Gospel is “a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household” (Acts 11:14). He gives freely “from the spring of the water of life” (Rev. 21:6), “and death shall be no more” (Rev. 21:4). He dwells with His people, adorning His Church as a bride for her husband, “making all things new” (Rev. 21:5). Therefore, as the Son of Man is glorified by His cross, “and God is glorified in him” (John 13:31), so He is glorified in us by our “love for one another” (John 13:35), which His Spirit works in us by His grace.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(25 May 2025)

Acts 16:9–15

Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27

John 16:23–33 or John 5:1–9

We Pray to the Father in Jesus' Name

“In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world” (John 16:33). Jesus has opened the way to the Father so that “whatever you ask of the Father” in Jesus' name, “he will give it to you” (John 16:23). We pray, therefore, in the confidence that we will be heard and answered, that our “joy may be full” (John 16:24). We pray because the

Gospel has been preached to us and the Lord has opened our hearts to believe the Gospel (Acts 16:10, 14). We pray in the name of Jesus because we have been baptized into Him, as Lydia and her household were baptized (Acts 16:15). We have been healed, and we live and walk and pray in newness of life (John 5:8–9). For we stand upon the firm foundation “of the twelve apostles of the Lamb” (Rev. 21:14), and our temple is “the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb” (Rev. 21:22).

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

(29 May 2025)

Acts 1:1–11

Ephesians 1:15–23

Luke 24:44–53

Christ Ascended Is with You Always

In His resurrection, the Lord Jesus presented Himself alive to the apostles, “appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God” (Acts 1:3). Then He ascended to the right hand of the Father, not orphaning His Church, but filling all things in heaven and on earth, and giving gifts to His disciples. So today, He continues to preach “repentance for the forgiveness of sins” (Luke 24:47) through “the apostles whom he had chosen” (Acts 1:2), even “to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8). Jesus comes among us today by His Word and Spirit, whom He pours out upon “the church, which is his body” (Eph. 1:22–23). In His Church, He blesses us with forgiveness, lifts us up in His hands and seats us with Himself “in the heavenly places” (Eph. 1:20).