

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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May 10 – Arnie Gidlow

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May 7 – Gary Link

May 10 – Cindy Greenwood

Anniversaries this week:

May 10 – Mitch and Val Martin

May 10 – Mike and Cheri Magnuson

***TIME OF SILENCE --** We appreciate the sounds of friends greeting each other and the words of welcome that are exchanged. They are evidence of the love and care we have for one another. However, when the chimes sound, we ask that our conversations be brought to a close and our attention turned to some quiet meditation in preparation for the worship service.*

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Confession and Absolution

Opening Hymn: 875 Father, We Praise Thee



1 Fa - ther, we praise Thee, now the night is o - ver, Ac - tive and
 2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for Thy man - sions; Ban - ish our
 Δ 3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it, Trin - i - ty



watch - ful, stand we all be - fore Thee; Sing - ing, we of - fer
 weak - ness, health and whole-ness send - ing; Bring us to heav - en,
 bless - ed, send us Thy sal - va - tion; Thine is the glo - ry,



prayer and med - i - ta - tion: Thus we a - dore Thee.
 where Thy saints u - nit - ed Joy with - out end - ing.
 gleam - ing and re - sound - ing Through all cre - a - tion.

Text: attr. Gregory I, c. 540-604; tr. Percy Dearmer, 1867-1936
 Tune: Antiphoner, 1681, Paris
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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.
- C** **Amen.**

Passing of the Peace – You may greet those around you by saying, “Peace of the Lord be with you.” If you do NOT wish to participate, please sit down.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 30:1-5; antiphon: Psalm 149:1

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a | new song,*
his praise in the assembly of the | godly!
I will extol you, O LORD, for you have | drawn me up*
and have not let my foes rejoice | over me.
O LORD my God, I cried to | you for help,*
and you have | healed me.
O LORD, you have brought up my soul | from Sheol;*
you restored me to life from among those who go down | to the pit.
Sing praises to the LORD, O | you his saints,*
and give thanks to his | holy name.
For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a | lifetime.*
Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the | morning.
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**
Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a | new song,*
his praise in the assembly of the | godly!

Kyrie

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☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

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☐ 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading

Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60

¹Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. ²And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ³Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” ⁵And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

⁸And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. . . .

²And Stephen said:

“Brothers and fathers, hear me. . . .

⁵¹You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵²Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.”

⁵⁴Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” ⁵⁷But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

Christ has risen from the dead.*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.

He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;*

he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle

1 Peter 2:2–10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

⁸and

“A stone of stumbling,
and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 14:1–14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we

know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

¹²"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day: 633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phantly go
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pier - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

- 5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise.
Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!
- △ 8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!

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Sermon based on John 14:1-14

Stand

Prayer of the Church

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all His adopted children in Christ, that they would long for the pure spiritual milk of the Word, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the royal priesthood of believers, that they would offer spiritual sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving acceptable to God, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all pastors and church workers and those preparing for church-work vocations, that we may be supplied with faithful leaders and servants of His Word, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the households of God's people, that begotten in Holy Baptism, we may grow in His grace and share together in His forgiveness and life, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For good government; for Joseph, our president; the Congress of the United States; Greg, our governor; and all civil servants, that they may honor the holy God, establishing order and justice, encouraging virtue, and protecting all life, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick, the sorrowing, the anxious, the fearful, the homebound, the homeless, the dying and all who have requested our prayers, including **Carol, Connie, Deloris, Richard, Erich, Michael, Mark, Becky, Steve, Ben, Pam, Jody, Ron, the Van Oman family, Marylan**, and those we name in our hearts, that for the sake of Christ's restoring cross, God would grant them healing, comfort and entrance into His heavenly kingdom, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those among us who celebrate gifts of life and family, on their birthdays, especially **Arnie**, and those celebrating their baptismal birthdays, especially **Gary and Cindy** that they exult with us in these blessings as tokens of forgiveness in Christ Jesus and foretastes of resurrection to everlasting life in the new creation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who celebrate another year of married life together especially **Mike and Cheri, and Mitch and Val**. Open their hearts always to receive more of Your love that their love for each other may never grow weary but deepen and grow through every joy and sorrow shared, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who eat and drink the crucified and risen body and blood of our Lord, that they would taste that He is good and continually grow up into His salvation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

In thanksgiving for Stephen, whom Christ has received into glory, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For faith and love in imitation of the Church's first martyr, that we may speak Christ's truth with boldness, forgive those who persecute us and fall asleep in Jesus, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sit

Offering

Service of the Sacrament

If you would like to know more about our belief and practice of Holy Communion, please see the announcement in the front of the bulletin. If you have not communed here before, we kindly ask you to refrain from doing so until you have had the opportunity to visit with the pastor before the service.

Stand

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven,
 hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth
 as it is in heaven;
 give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom
 and the power and the glory
 forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

Distribution Hymns

640 Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior

1 Thee we a - dore, O hid - den Sav - ior, Thee,
 2 In this me - mo - rial of Thy death, O Lord,
 3 Thou, like the pel - i - can to feed her brood,
 4 Foun - tain of good - ness, Je - sus, Lord and God:
 5 O Christ, whom now be - neath a veil we see,
 Who in Thy Sac - ra - ment art pleased to be;
 Thou dost Thy bod - y and Thy blood af - ford:
 Didst pierce Thy - self to give us liv - ing food;
 Cleanse us, un - clean, with Thy most cleans - ing blood;
 May what we thirst for soon our por - tion be:
 Both flesh and spir - it in Thy pres - ence fail,
 Oh, may our souls for - ev - er feed on Thee,
 Thy blood, O Lord, one drop has pow'r to win
 In - crease our faith and love, that we may know
 To gaze on Thee un - veiled and see Thy face,
 Yet here Thy pres - ence we de - vout - ly hail.
 And Thou, O Christ, for - ev - er pre - cious be.
 For - give - ness for our world and all its sin.
 The hope and peace which from Thy pres - ence flow.
 The vi - sion of Thy glo - ry, and Thy grace. A - men.

Text: Thomas Aquinas, c. 1225-1274; (sts. 1-2, 4-5): tr. James R. Woodford, 1820-85, alt.; (sts. 2-3): tr. Stephen P. Starke, 1955
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636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet Him, And with
 3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure Nei - ther
 4 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der O - ver



gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to the day - light's
 lov - ing rev - 'rence greet Him. For with words of life im -
 cost nor pain will mea - sure; But the price - less gifts of
 this sur - pass - ing won - der That the bread of life is



splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren - der.
 mor - tal He is knock - ing at your por - tal.
 heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en.
 bound - less Though the souls it feeds are count - less:



Bless the One whose grace un - bound - ed This a - maz - ing
 O - pen wide the gates be - fore Him, Say - ing, as you
 Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, None could buy the
 With the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to



ban - quet found - ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and
 there a - dore Him; Grant, Lord, that I now re -
 gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you
 us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious con - so -



ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
 ceive You, That I nev - er - more will leave You.
 riv - en, And His blood, for you once giv - en.
 la - tion, Pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion!

5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
 Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
 Peace beyond all understanding,
 Joy into all life expanding:
 Humbly now, I bow before You;
 Love incarnate, I adore You;
 Worthily let me receive You
 And, so favored, never leave You.

6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
 Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
 Jesus, joy of my desiring,
 Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
 At Your feet I cry, my maker,
 Let me be a fit partaker
 Of this blessed food from heaven,
 For our good, Your glory, given.

7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
 You once left Your throne in heaven
 On the cross for me to languish
 And to die in bitter anguish,
 To forego all joy and gladness
 And to shed Your blood in sadness.
 By this blood redeemed and living,
 Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
 Let me gladly here obey You.
 By Your love I am invited,
 Be Your love with love requited;
 By this Supper let me measure,
 Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
 Through the gift of grace You give me
 As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

Text: Johann Franck, 1618-77; (sts. 1, 4-5): tr. Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978; (sts. 2-3, 6-8): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.
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Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

C Amen.

Closing Hymn: 458 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands



1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands For our of - fens -
2 No son of man could con - quer death, Such ru - in sin
3 Christ Je - sus, God's own Son, came down, His peo - ple to
4 It was a strange and dread - ful strife When life and death



es giv - en; But now at God's right hand He stands
had wrought us. No in - no - cence was found on earth,
de - liv - er; De - stroy - ing sin, He took the crown
con - tend - ed; The vic - to - ry re - mained with life,



And brings us life from heav - en. There - fore let us
And there - fore death had brought us In - to bond - age
From death's pale brow for - ev - er: Stripped of pow'r, no
The reign of death was end - ed. Ho - ly Scrip - ture



joy - ful be And sing to God right thank - ful - ly
from of old And ev - er grew more strong and bold
more it reigns; An emp - ty form a - lone re - mains;
plain - ly saith That death is swal - lowed up by death,



Loud songs of al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
And held us as its cap - tive. Al - le - lu - ia!
Its sting is lost for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!
Its sting is lost for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!

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5 Here our true Paschal Lamb we see,
 Whom God so freely gave us;
 He died on the accursèd tree—
 So strong His love—to save us.
 See, His blood now marks our door;
 Faith points to it; death passes o'er,
 And Satan cannot harm us.
 Alleluia!

6 So let us keep the festival
 To which the Lord invites us;
 Christ is Himself the joy of all,
 The sun that warms and lights us.
 Now His grace to us imparts
 Eternal sunshine to our hearts;
 The night of sin is ended.

7 Then let us feast this Easter Day
 On Christ, the bread of heaven;
 The Word of grace has purged away
 The old and evil leaven.
 Christ alone our souls will feed;
 He is our meat and drink indeed;
 Faith lives upon no other!
 Alleluia!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt.
 Tune: Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn, 1524, Wittenberg, ed. Johann Walter
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Offerings April 2023	
Total Offerings & Interest Income	\$ 13,925.78
Expenses	\$ 13,268.59
Overage	\$ 657.19

There is a sheet posted on the janitor closet door so that if you notice custodial issues around the church you can write them there and our custodian will take care of them. If you see something that needs repair, there is a sheet on the inside boiler room door to write down any issues. Thank you!

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK.

We pray for shut-ins, including **Connie Juden, Deloris Brown, and Richard Schottey**. We pray for those suffering from disease: **Rev. Erich Kaelberer** of Cody WY, **Michael Drummond**; **Rev. Mark Grunst** of Billings, **Becky Schlund, Rev. Steve Schlund and Ben Aagaard**. We pray for **Pam Schaaf** battling cancer. We pray for **Carol Thurston** who is recovering from eye surgery. From the congregation of First Lutheran in Fort Benton, we pray for **Jody Decker, Ron Van Horn, the Van Oman family and Marylan Dallum**.

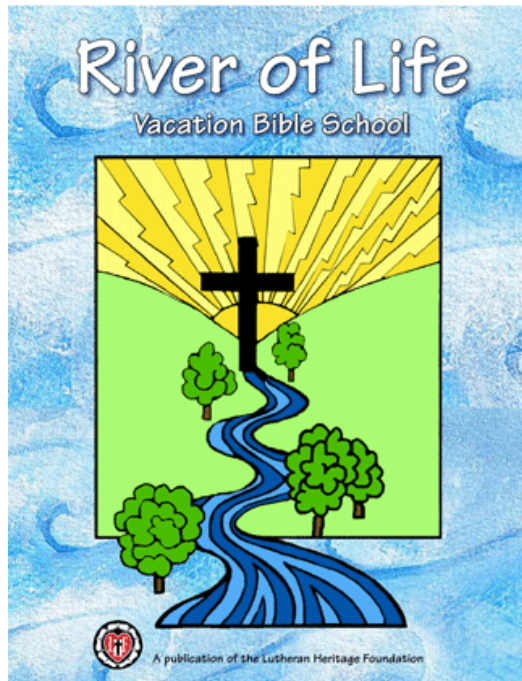
Confirmation - The date of May 21, 2023 has been chosen for Confirmation this year. There are 3 young ladies of our congregation who will confirm their faith. They are **Kate Creek, Jamie Franczyk and Kaylee Lewis**. The Rite of Confirmation will take place during the Worship Service on that day, then a reception will follow after. Congratulations ladies! In addition, we will welcome **Sharon Bossie** into membership by Profession of Faith. Welcome Sharon!

Honoring the High School graduates – There are 2 from our congregation who will be graduating from high school this year: **James Onstad and Samantha Franczyk**. In an effort to honor them and wish them well in their next adventures, we will have a reception in their honor on May 21, 2023 during the fellowship hour after the service. Congratulations graduates!

Spring Voters meeting set - The Board of Directors has chosen **May 14, next Sunday, at 12 noon** as the Spring Voters Meeting. There will be a potluck meal at 12 noon and the meeting will begin around 12:30 PM, after we eat. We will have the election of officers. Those positions that will be elected are vice-chairman, treasurer, elders and we are always looking for additional trustees. If you would like to serve the Lord and the members of Peace in any of these positions, please contact Chairman Greg Franczyk.

VBS meeting – A meeting for those interested in teaching or helping during the week of VBS, there will be a meeting on Monday evening at 5:30 PM at the church. Materials for teaching will be handed out and more information will be shared.

The baby grand piano is due for some major cleaning and upkeep. The piano tuner, Dave Lamb, will be working on it during the week of May 15 through 19, so it will not be available to play. Thanks for your patience as we take care of this wonderful gift.



**Peace Lutheran Church
3340 11th Avenue South
Great Falls, Montana 59405
406-761-7343**

**We will be hosting Vacation Bible School for children ages
preschool thru 6th grade
from June 5 through 9, 2023**

Monday – Friday

**From 8:30 AM until 12 Noon each day
Our church is handicap accessible and
classes can be interpreted for the deaf**

**For more information,
please call 406-761-7343**

**To register your child, stop by between the hours of
9 AM to 1 PM Monday thru Thursday or email us at peacesecretary@bresnan.net**



Rummage Sale

Members of Peace and Christ for the Deaf
have set the date for the rummage sale as

June 24 beginning at 7 AM
and going until we are done.

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
Linda Aguiar or Pastor Reinke.

YOU SUPPORT THE CHURCH'S MISSION BY...

YOUR PRESENCE:	Worship	Bible study / Sunday school
April 30	52	18
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YOUR OFFERINGS:

General Fund	Given to the Lord	Budget Goal
April 30	\$2,371.00	\$3,144.08

Designated offering: Scholarship fund, \$50.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW AND SERVE
During the Week of May 7, 2023

TODAY

- 9:00 AM** Confirmation Class
- 10:00 AM** Divine Worship with Holy Communion
- 11:30 AM** Bible study and Sunday School for all ages
- 3:00 PM** Worship Service at First Lutheran in Fort Benton followed by Bible study

MONDAY

- 9:00 AM** Church office open 9 AM to 1 PM through Thursday
- 9:00 AM** Chair exercise at Peace
- 10:00 AM** Deaf Worship and Bible study at Peace
- 5:30 PM** VBS planning and teacher meeting at Peace. Materials will be handed out.
- 6:30 PM** Board of Directors meeting at Peace

TUESDAY

- 1:00 PM** Ladies AA at Peace
- 7:00 PM** BSA Eagle Board meets at Peace
- 7:00 PM** AA at Peace

WEDNESDAY

- 6:30 AM** Men's Bible study at A&K Diner
- 9:30 AM** Chair exercise
- 2:30 PM** Worship at The Lodge, 1801 9th Street South

THURSDAY

- 9:00 AM** Quilters meet at Peace
- 7:00 PM** AA at Peace

FRIDAY

- 9:00 AM** Church office closed
- 9:00 AM** TOPS meet at Peace
- 10:15 AM** Chair exercise at Peace

SATURDAY

- 11:00 AM** Deaf Club meets at Peace