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As We Gather

The word “peace” is central for God’s people to hear time and again as part of worship. The peace of the Lord is exchanged between pastor and congregation and often also spoken among the people of the congregation. It is the last word in the Benediction and is therefore the most frequently used word to close the service. It is our blessing to hear that word of peace from our Lord once again today in our world—which also has unrest and challenges.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

205 – The Day of Resurrection

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Opening Sentences

Romans 6:9; John 20:29b

- P** Alleluia! We know that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more.
- C** **Death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia!**
- P** Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.
- C** Alleluia, alleluia.

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 85:1-2, 7

- P** LORD, You have been favorable to Your land;
- C** **You have brought back the captivity of Jacob.**
- P** You have forgiven the iniquity of Your people;
- C** **You have covered all their sin.**
- P** Show us Your mercy, LORD,
- C** **And grant us Your salvation.**
- P** Let us then confess our sins unto our gracious Lord.

C Almighty God, in humility and with repentant hearts we come before You. With shame and regret we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have not lived up to our calling as Your peaceable people. We have not done the good You demand and have not been the people You would have us be. We do repent and are truly sorry for our sins in thought, word, and deed. Have mercy on us, merciful Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son. Forgive us all that needs Your forgiving grace, and with the power of the Holy Spirit, direct us to serve You faithfully all our days through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

P God has promised His merciful forgiveness to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him in confession. He will revive them and speak peace to His people. In His stead and by His command, therefore, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P God keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, lead you in ways of peace and joy, and finally bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us." The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.



Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis



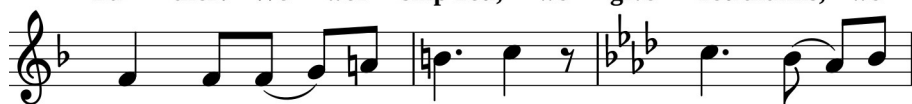
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to all peo-ple on



earth. Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we



praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



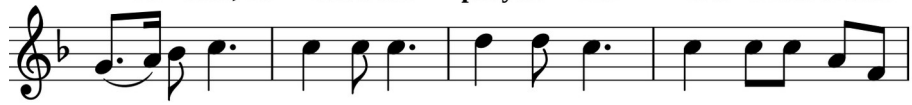
Lamb of God: You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the



Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a-lone are the



Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the



Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray...
... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

First Reading

Acts 5:29-42

²⁹ But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: “We ought to obey God rather than men. ³⁰ The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree. ³¹ Him God has exalted to His right hand to be Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him.” ³³ When they heard this, they were furious and plotted to kill them. ³⁴ Then one in the council stood up, a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in respect by all the people, and commanded them to put the apostles outside for a little while. ³⁵ And he said to them: “Men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what you intend to do regarding these men. ³⁶ For some time ago Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody. A number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was slain, and all who obeyed him were scattered and came to nothing. ³⁷ After this man, Judas of Galilee rose up in the days of the census, and drew away many people after him. He also perished, and all who obeyed him were dispersed. ³⁸ And now I say to you, keep away from these men and let them alone; for if this plan or this work is of men, it will come to nothing; ³⁹ but if it is of God, you cannot overthrow it—lest you even be found to fight against God.” ⁴⁰ And they agreed with him, and when they had called for the apostles and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹ So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name. ⁴² And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

- P** Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
- C** **Praise Him in the heights!**
- P** Praise Him, all His angels;
- C** **Praise Him, all His hosts!**
- P** Praise Him, sun and moon;
- C** **Praise Him, all you stars of light!**
- P** Praise Him, you heavens of heavens,
- C** **And you waters above the heavens!**
- P** Let them praise the name of the LORD,
- C** **For He commanded and they were created.**
- P** He also established them forever and ever;
- C** **He made a decree which shall not pass away.**
- P** Praise the LORD from the earth,
- C** **You great sea creatures and all the depths;**
- P** Fire and hail, snow and clouds;
- C** **Stormy wind, fulfilling His word;**
- P** Mountains and all hills;
- C** **Fruitful trees and all cedars;**
- P** Beasts and all cattle;
- C** **Creeping things and flying fowl;**
- P** Kings of the earth and all peoples;
- C** **Princes and all judges of the earth;**
- P** Both young men and maidens;
- C** **Old men and children.**
- P** Let them praise the name of the LORD, For His name alone is exalted;
- C** **His glory is above the earth and heaven.**
- P** And He has exalted the horn of His people, The praise of all His saints
- C** **Of the children of Israel, A people near to Him. Praise the LORD!**

Epistle Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, ⁵ who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory

at the revelation of Jesus Christ,⁸ whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,⁹ receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.

Alleluia

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le-lu - ia! These words are
writ - ten that we may believe that Je-sus is the Christ, the
Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le-lu - ia!

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn

208 (1, 4-8) – Ye Sons and Daughters of the King



Sermon Text

John 20:19-31

¹⁹ Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you."
²⁰ When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." ²² And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴ Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." ²⁶ And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" ²⁷ Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." ²⁸ And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." ³⁰ And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.



Sermon

Peace Be With You

Offertory

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O
God. Re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me



not a - way from Your pres-ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir-it from me. Re - store to me the joy of Your sal-
va - tion. Up - hold me with Your free Spir - it.

Hymn

726 – Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

Offering Hymn

441 (1-2) – We Give Thee But Thine Own

1. We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

2. May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our first-fruits give!

General Prayer

The 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.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

341 – Crown Him with Many Crowns

✝ Announcements ✝

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in our Savior's name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us this morning, and hope that you will come back and join us again. It is our prayer that your faith will be strengthened by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms and hymns that our Scripture-based liturgy offers. If you have any questions about our church or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please ask Pastor Sauers.

Upcoming Schedule

April 16	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service
	11:15 am	Council Meeting
April 16-27		Pastor away for CLC Board of Missions meetings and Philippines trip.
April 22	9:00 am	Parsonage Work Day
April 23	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
April 30	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service

Member Visits: Pastor would like to get to know everyone in the congregation, and to that end, would like to visit with each family individually. These visits are intended as an opportunity for spiritual encouragement and for members to share their concerns, questions, comments, and suggestions. Please find the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board and sign up.

Parsonage Work Day: Join us for a Parsonage Workday on Saturday, April 22! Projects include:

- Repairing or replacing the parsonage shed roof,
- Welding the front and rear support post, and
- Removing siding and adding a water barrier membrane around sixteen linear feet of garage.

Your help and participation are greatly appreciated as we work together to maintain and improve the parsonage. Please bring any tools and equipment you may have to assist with these tasks. We hope to see you there!

Christ's Explorers Camp: Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church (W. Columbia, SC) will be hosting Christ's Explorers Camp July 20th - 23rd in Sevierville, TN. Camp is open to students entering grades 3-9 for the 2023-24 school year. The cost is \$100 per camper. This year's theme is "Guiding Lights" with the theme passage being Psalm 119:105. The devotions and Bible studies will focus on how Jesus and His Word help us to overcome the darkness and confusion of the sinful world around us. Slots still available! You may register at christsexplorerscamp.com.

CLC Call News: Mrs. Chris Gerbitz is considering the call to be teacher in the school of Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church in Middleton, WI. <>The dual parish of Redemption Lutheran of Lynnwood, WA and Ascension Lutheran of Tacoma, WA is requesting a graduate from Immanuel Lutheran Seminary to be their pastor.<> Calvary Lutheran in Marquette, MI is requesting a graduate from Immanuel Lutheran Seminary to be their pastor.<> Grace Lutheran School of Valentine, NE is requesting a graduate from the ILC Education Department to teach middle grades. <> Pastor Nathanael Mayhew of Grace Lutheran in Sleepy Eye, MN and Faith Lutheran in New Ulm, MN is considering the call to serve as the third pastor at Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI

Fruits of Faith – April 9, 2023 – WH – 61	
Immanuel Home	\$1,517.25
Property Improvement	\$20.00
Tuition	\$1,175.00
Lent	\$62.00
Sign	\$150.00
Total Offering	\$2,924.25

✠ Serving Next Weekend ✠

Cleaner (4/22): Custodio **Acolyte (4/23):** Seth Bernthal

✠ **Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions** ✠
April 17-22

Monday: John 21:15-19 – One of the effects of Christ’s resurrection was that the Master now lived who would reinstate His servant. As Peter had three times denied knowing Jesus, now Jesus asks three times if Peter loves Him. Peter is once again given the position of a follower of the Risen Lord.

Tuesday: 1 Peter 1:3-9 – Through the resurrection of Jesus, we have an inheritance in heaven! This brings us comfort and joy in the midst of trials and tribulation, and assures us of a future that we now see only with the eyes of faith: the salvation of our souls.

Wednesday: Genesis 32:22-31 – As Peter’s encounter with the Lord (Monday’s reading) ended in blessing, so also Jacob’s wrestling with the Lord for a blessing brought Him a new name. No longer Jacob (the deceiver) would be his name, but Israel (strive with God), the one who seeks his blessings from God, not from his own strength or cunning.

Thursday: Ezekiel 37:9-14 – The God who first breathed into the nostrils of Adam the breath of life (Gn2:7) is surely able to raise His people up from dead bodies, yes, even from dry bones. As He promised of old to bring His people into their own land, so Jesus’ resurrection promises to raise us and bring us home with Him.

Friday: 1 John 1:1-4 – The message of John and all the apostles was a word of condemnation only to those who rejected the idea that God could give life to Jesus or anyone else in the tomb. The word which John and the others proclaimed was “the word of life” which they had witnessed and which held the promise of eternal life in Christ.

Saturday: 1 John 1:5-7 – We are reminded here that God is light, and there is no darkness in Him. To walk in the light is to walk with God and with those who follow Him. This gift is ours because the darkness of our sin has been cleansed by His dying (shedding His blood) for us.

