

Peace Lutheran Church  
**THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**  
April 20, 2025 + 8:00 am

**BELL SELECTION**

“All Hail the Risen King”

**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**

**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: Let us pray. Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord’s resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**FIRST READING**      *Psalm 118:15-24*      *Pew Bible Pg 479*

Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the Lord does valiantly, the right hand of the Lord exalts, the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!”

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.  
The Lord has disciplined me severely, but he has not given me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.  
I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.  
The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.  
This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.  
This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **ADULT CHOIR**

### **EPISTLE READING**

*1 Corinthians 15:1-11*

*Pew Bible Pg 903*

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 Jarod Fenske

### **ALLELUIA VERSE**

**LSB p.156**

### **GOSPEL**

*Luke 24:1-12*

*Pew Bible Pg 831*

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." And they remembered his words, and returning from the

tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

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

“Rolling Stone”  
Luke 24:1-12

*Pastor Dave Karolus*

### APOSTLES CREED

### OFFERING PRAYER

### BELL SELECTION

“Day of Resurrection”

### 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 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 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

"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**

L: 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**

L: 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.**

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

### **CLOSING HYMN**

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

**LSB 525 v. 1**

**Trumpet Players:**

*Kathryn Gorichan*

*Kelly Grucelski*