

## **Peace Lutheran Church**

**Sunday, May 17, 2020** - Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A

This Is the Feast - ELW Setting 4

### **Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude** – “Air” by J. S. Bach

### **Invocation**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are raised with him to new life.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and planted us in a well-watered garden. In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

Gathering Hymn - "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing" ELW 389

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

## Hymn of Praise – “This is the Feast” ELW setting 4

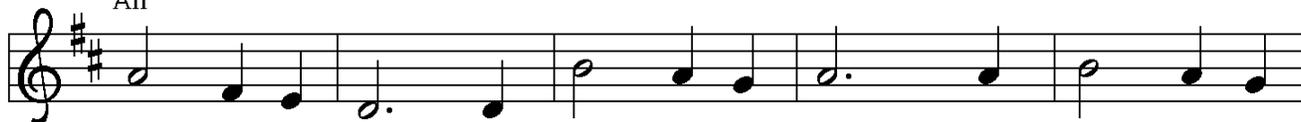
*Refrain*

Assisting minister

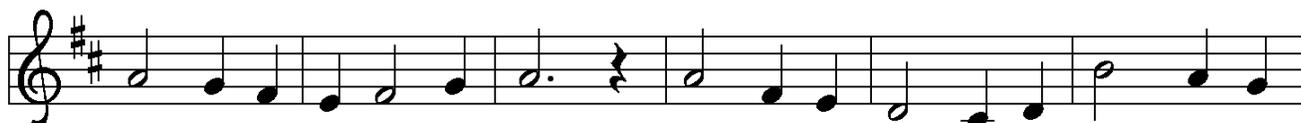


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

A: Almighty and ever-living God,

**C: you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

### First Reading - Acts 17:22-31

<sup>22</sup>Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not

far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ <sup>29</sup>Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

*After the reading, the reader will say:* The word of God.

*All may respond:* **The word of life.**

### **Psalm 66:8-20**

A: <sup>8</sup>Bless our God, you peoples;  
let the sound of praise be heard.

**C: <sup>9</sup>Our God has kept us among the living  
and has not allowed our feet to slip.**

A: <sup>10</sup>For you, O God, have tested us;  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

**C: <sup>11</sup>You brought us into the net;  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

A: <sup>12</sup>You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

**C: <sup>13</sup>I will enter your house with burnt offerings  
and will pay you my vows—**

A: <sup>14</sup>those that I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

**C: <sup>15</sup>I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams;  
I will give you oxen and goats.**

A: <sup>16</sup>Come and listen, all you who believe,  
and I will tell you what God has done for me.

**C: <sup>17</sup>I called out to God with my mouth,  
and praised the Lord with my tongue.**

A: <sup>18</sup>If I had cherished evil in my heart,  
the Lord would not have heard me;

**C: <sup>19</sup>but in truth God has heard me  
and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**

A: <sup>20</sup>Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,  
nor withheld unfailing love from me.

## **Second Reading - 1 Peter 3:13-22**

<sup>13</sup>Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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## **The Gospel - John 14:15-21**

*Before the Gospel Reading:*

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

*After the Gospel reading:*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon – Pastor Lawrence Bade**

## Hymn of the Day – “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” ELW 631



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry  
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

## **Confession of Faith**

A: Please join me in confessing our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**C: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made; of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
He was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered, died, and was buried.  
On the third day He rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of Life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son, He is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

## **Prayers of the People – in Bulletin only**

*The Assisting Minister will read the Prayers of the Church. Each portion of the prayers concludes with these words:*

A: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Please also keep in prayer:*

Military: Joe Davis, Jr., Tim Davis, John Hensz, Aaron Mekolik, Eric Snyder, James Johnston-Sauber, Erin Sauber-Schatz, Kate Haney, Erik Hoffman, Mitchell Giffen, Johnny Thompson, Jonathon Perez, Craig Chandler McCord

Sick or Recovering: Steve Sowders, Fred Rape, Pat Bonds, Kurt Weinelt, Grace & Earnest Knesek, Loraine Johnson, Sue Diehl, Joe Davis, Becky Emery Goessel, Edward DeFrancesco, Rachel Thompson, Luther Rinehart, Susan Record, Roy Evelyn Schoenfeld, Ron Gates, Eileen Drehs, Santiago Salas, John Hansen

Improved: Jeanie Bassett, Elaine Thielmann

*The Prayers conclude with these words:*

A: With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

A: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*The peace is shared vocally.*

**The Offering** - “Contemporary Variations on ‘Hyfrydol’” by Greg Bottomley

*(Love Divine, All Loves Excelling)*

A: Merciful God,

**C: our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives. Feed us again at this table for service in your name, in the strength of the risen Christ. Amen**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

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 our thanks and praise.**

### **Words of Institution**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed... do this for the remembrance of me.  
Let us pray the prayer our Savior taught us:

**C: Amen**

P: Let us pray the prayer our Savior taught us:

**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**

P: Come to the banquet. Behold the risen Christ.

**C: Alleluia!**

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen**

A: Life-giving God,

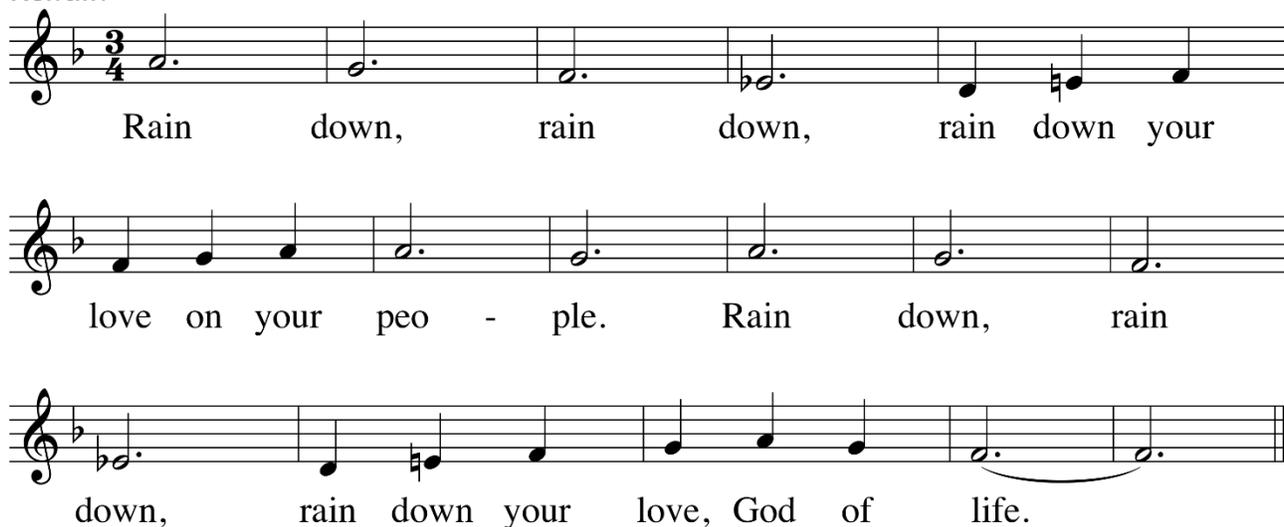
**C: you have fed us with your word, and our hearts burn within us. Through this meal you have opened us to your presence. Now send us forth to share the gifts of Easter with all in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

P: May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen**

## Sending Hymn - "Rain Down"

### Refrain



Rain down, rain down, rain down your  
love on your peo - ple. Rain down, rain  
down, rain down your love, God of life.

### Verses



1. Faith - ful and true is the word of our God.
2. We who re - vere and find hope in our God
3. God of cre - a - tion, we long for your truth;



All of God's works are so wor - thy of trust.  
live in the kind - ness and joy of God's wing.  
you are the wa - ter of life that we thirst.



God's mer - cy falls on the just and the right;  
God will pro - tect us from dark - ness and death;  
Grant that your love and your peace touch our hearts,



full of God's love is the earth.  
God will not leave us to starve.  
all of our hope lies in you.

D.C.

P: Christ is risen, just as he said.  
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!  
**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude** - "Festive Trumpet Tune" - David German

**Serving as We Worship**

Pastor .....Rev. Lawrence Bade  
Music Director .....Adam Emery  
Lector .....Gary Kunkel  
Assisting Minister .....Rhonda Raphael

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