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**2nd Sunday after Easter
April 7, 2024, 9AM**

JESUS IS RISEN ALLELUIA!! AMEN!!!

PRELUDE

AS WE GATHER - REACTING TO THE UNBELIEVABLE

When Thomas finally met Jesus, alive again after Easter, he went from demanding proof to a personal confession of faith, "My Lord and my God." It would have been a different story had the news been false. The rest of the Jerusalem congregation truly exhibited Easter faith when they became a welcoming community, one that shared with newcomers whatever they needed. The news was unbelievable, but so were the responses—in word and deed as faith saw the freeing truth: we need fear nothing, not even death. We have heard the news as well. How shall we respond?

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, VIDEO

+ PREPARATION +

490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -
3 Je - sus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Je - sus
4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall
5 Je - sus lives! And now is death But the gate of life im -



pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!
liv - ing, Pure in heart and act a - bide,
sev - er. Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell
mor - tal; This shall calm my trem - bling breath



From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er
Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I
Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will
When I pass its gloom - y por - tal. Faith shall



scenes will then com-mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

1 John 1:5:10; 2:1b-2

- P** This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.
- C** But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- P** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.
- C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- P** If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. Therefore as a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

474 ALLELUIA! JESUS IS RISEN

sts. 1, ref, 2



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the
sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -
sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break - ing our bread, Giv - ing us
ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
Refrain
Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:
Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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SALUTATION

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection

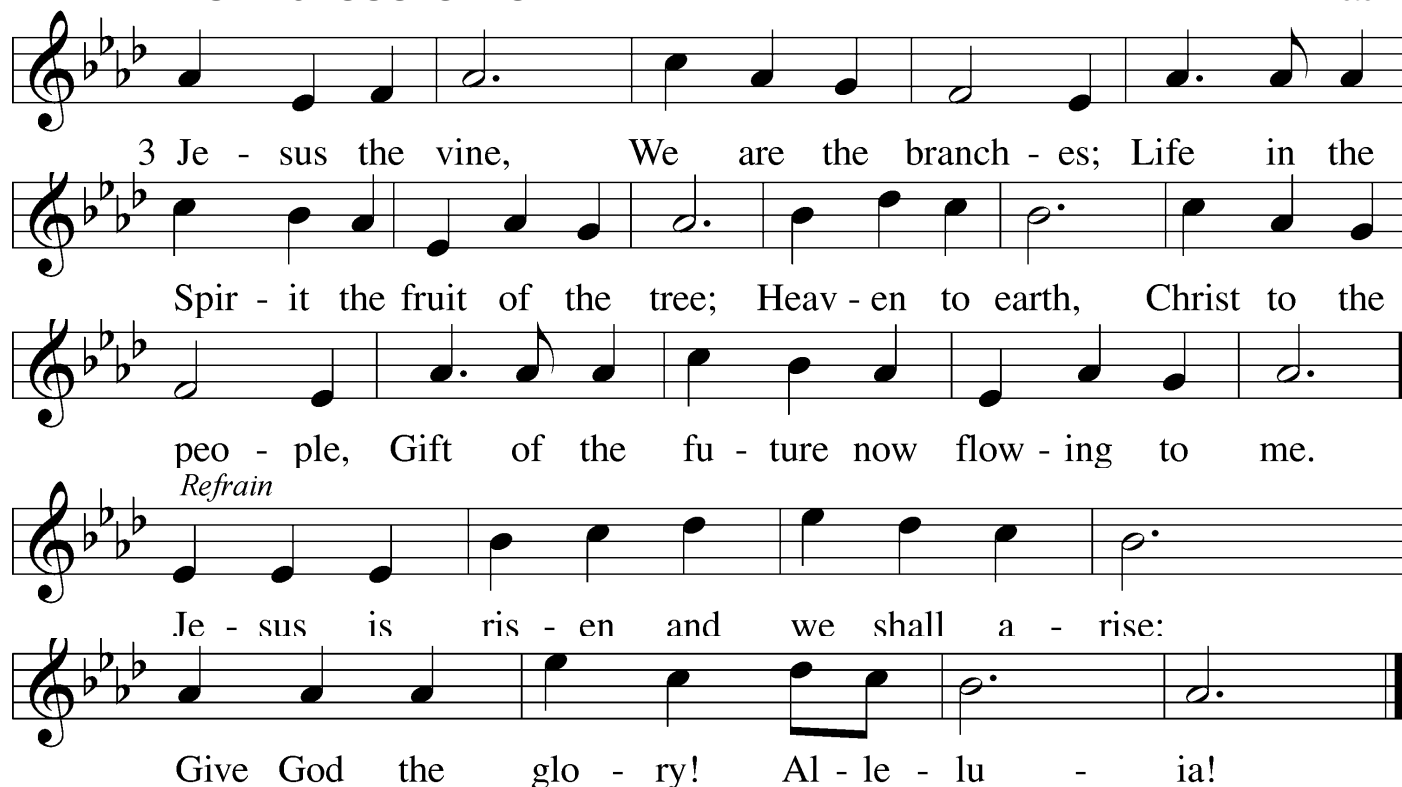
C may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God;

L through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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sts. ref, 3



3 Je - sus the vine, We are the branch - es; Life in the
Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the
peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
Refrain
Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:
Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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sts. ref, 4–5



4 Weep-ing, be gone; Sor - row, be si - lent: Death put a -
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, Gold - en Je -

sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: "O grave, be
ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and arch-
o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
an - gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!
Refrain
Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:
Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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+ WORD +

FIRST READING

Acts 4:32–35

³²The full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 John 1:1—2:2

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is

in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

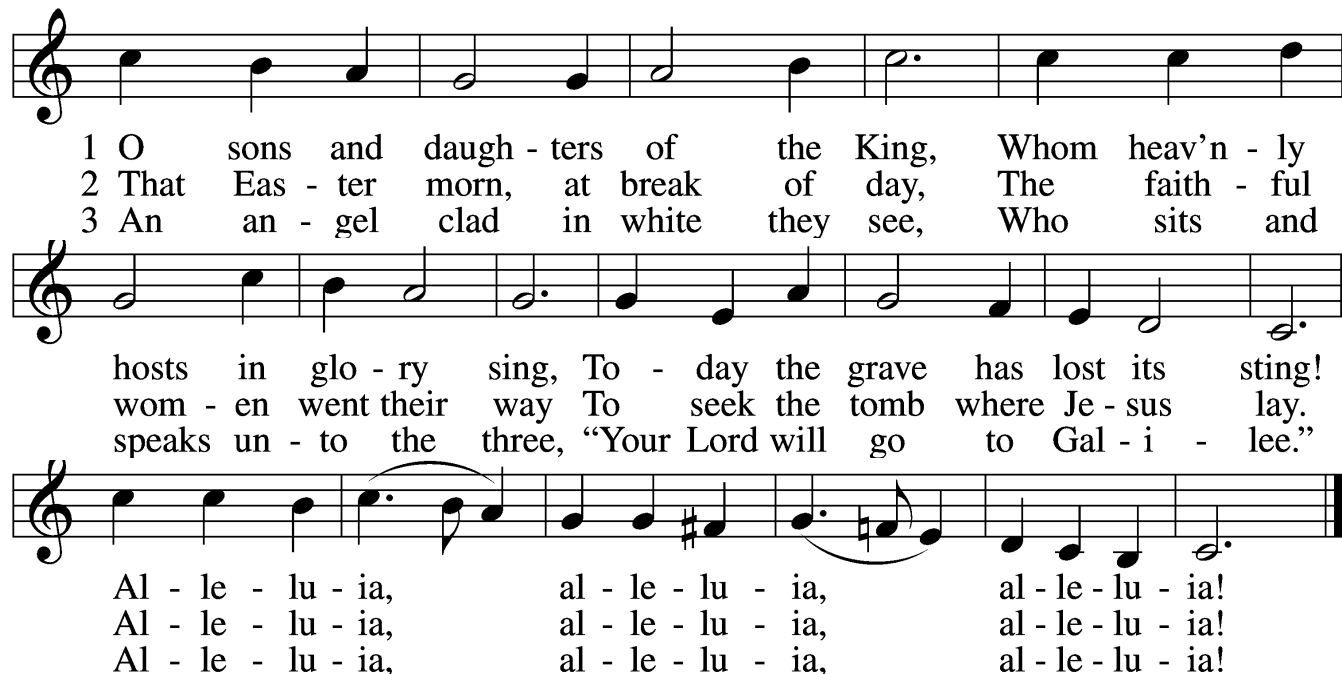
¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

470 O SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

sts. 1–3



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly
 2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, The faith - ful
 3 An an - gel clad in white they see, Who sits and

hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!
 wom - en went their way To seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.
 speaks un - to the three, "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19–31

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Cesar Blas

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.


OFFERING & VIDEO *(At this time, please fill out the attendance sheet in the colored bulletin and place in the offering plate. Also at this time, on the back of the attendance slip, please refresh your thoughts or read what we believe, as you prepare to come to receive the Lord's Body & Blood or as you come forward to receive a blessing.)*

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OFFERTORY

470 O SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

sts. 4–6



4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; A - mong them
 5 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard That they had
 6 “My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see, And look up -

came their mas - ter dear And said, “My peace be with you here.”
 seen the ris - en Lord, He doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples’ word.
 on My hands, My feet; Not faith - less but be - liev - ing be.”

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

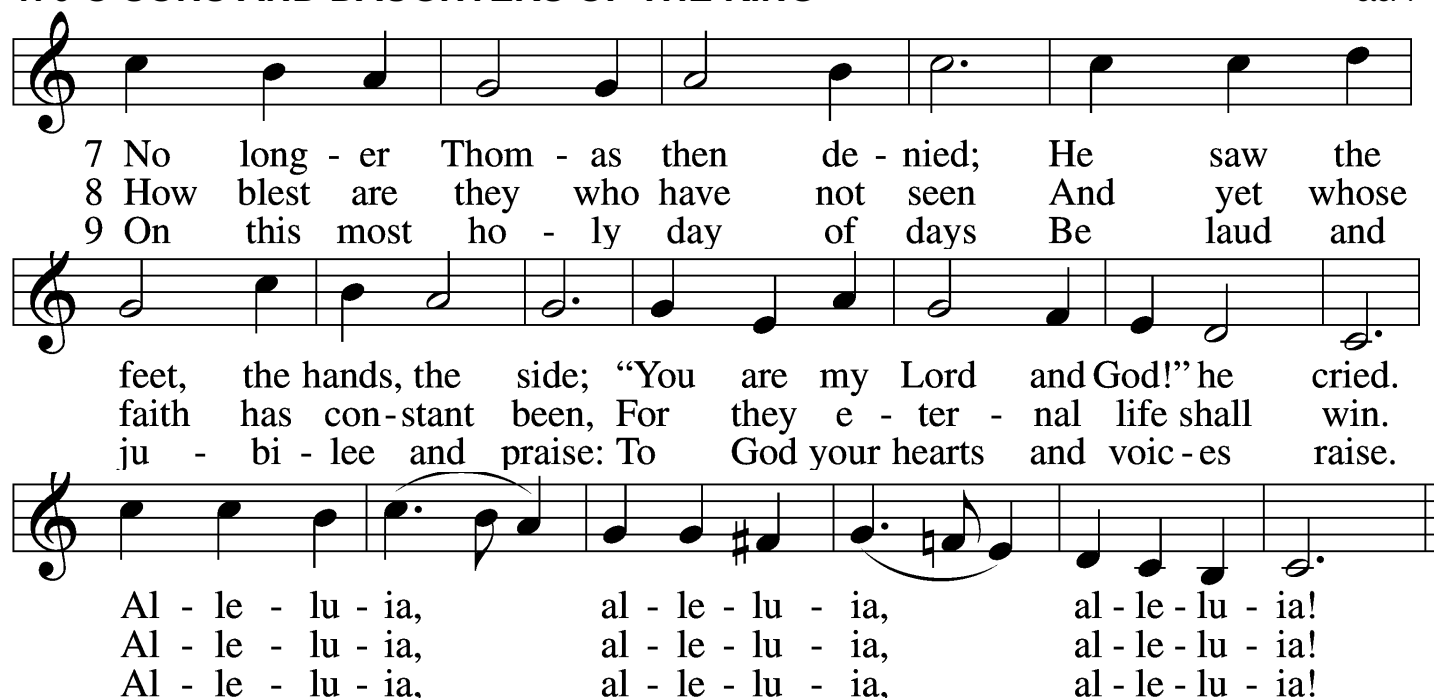
Acts 4:34–35

- L** We read again a portion of the First Reading: “There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.”
 Let us also respond to God’s Word in song and prayer using the hymn “Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service” as a guide.
- L** Lord Jesus, we pray that You would use us and the gifts You have given to us to serve anyone in need. Open our eyes to see opportunities near and far in which we may serve Your gracious plans. All that we have and are belongs to You.
- C** **Risen Christ, grant us to be of one heart and soul, sharing not only our common faith but all that we are and have.**
- L** We pray for people who are homeless, hungry, captive, and in mourning. Surround them, heavenly Father, with people of faith in our risen Savior, brothers and sisters who will tend to them with compassion and love. We pray for those near and dear to us, especially family members who seem to have lost their way, that you bring them back to you. Wherever Your plans include us, O Lord,
- C** **open our hearts and hands, voices and resources to share the difference Easter makes for all who trust in our risen Savior.**

- L** We pray for those who are rich and those who are poor, those who influence our nation and those who live unnoticed. O Holy Spirit, be among our brothers and sisters—those who have vast resources; all who make, administer, and judge our laws; and parents, teachers, and counselors—all who know Christ as their living Lord.
- C** Give them courage and caring hearts so that through them Your will shall be done.
- L** We pray for our congregation, its programs of outreach and growth, its vision planning and all who worship here. Lord over all, be with us and enliven us to do Your will in Easter joy.
- C** Give us strength to show forth the difference Easter makes for us. Guide and protect us, heavenly Father, that we may serve You and the people around us in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

470 O SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

sts. 7–9



7 No long - er Thom - as then de - nied; He saw the
 8 How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose
 9 On this most ho - ly day of days Be laud and

feet, the hands, the side; "You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
 faith has con-stant been, For they e - ter - nal life shall win.
 ju - bi - lee and praise: To God your hearts and voic - es raise.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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(Ministry Planning Leadership Team please come forward)

+ COMMISSIONING OF THE MINISTRY PLANNING LEADERSHIP TEAM +

(The presiding minister addresses the congregation:)

ADDRESS

- P** Beloved in the Lord, according to the Church's usual order, these individuals are presented as volunteers to comprise the Ministry Planning Leadership Team here at Peace Lutheran Church. This team has been established in love by the Church to assist the ministry of the congregation by using their God-given gifts to develop

the Ministry Planning Process as we go forward in ministry and mission for the Lord in our community. Let us hear the Word of God concerning this work.

(The following passages from Holy Scripture are read by the presiding minister.)

EPHESIANS 4:7, 12, 16

- P** ⁷But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.
¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,
¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

GALATIANS 6:4–5, 9

- P** ⁴But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. ⁵For each will have to bear his own load. ⁹And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

(The presiding minister addresses the Ministry Planning Team:)

QUESTIONING

- P** In the presence of God and our congregation I ask you: Do you accept the responsibilities entrusted to you? If so, answer: I will, with the help of God.
- R** *I will, with the help of God.*
- P** Will you faithfully lead us in our Ministry Planning process being led yourself by the Holy Spirit and God's Word? If so, answer: I will, with the help of God.
- R** *I will, with the help of God.*
- P** Because of your willingness to serve, we entrust each of you with leadership in this process. May God inspire and strengthen you to be our effective and faithful leaders.

(The presiding minister addresses the congregation:)

ADDRESS

- P** Brothers and sisters in Christ, will we make a commitment to our leaders, to keep them in prayer and to partner with them as they enlist and invite us to be active participants in the Ministry Planning process? If so, then answer: We will, with the help of God.
- C** **We will, with the help of God.**
- P** The almighty and most merciful God strengthen and assist you always.

(The presiding minister addresses the Ministry Planning Leadership Team.)

INSTALLATION

- P** Bob Morris, Donna Slay, Zack Dayer, Jessica Hancock, Allen West (*in abs entia*), I commission you as the *Ministry Planning Leadership Team at Peace Lutheran Church* in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.** *(Congregation Please Stand)*

COLLECT FOR INSTALLATION

- P** May God give all of us an opportunity to participate in the Ministry Planning process, and to respond to his love with generosity, trust, and excitement.

P Let us pray. Lord God, fill the hearts of these leaders with presence so they may be our models and examples as we seek to follow you into the future you have for us. Unite us in your vision, and enable all whose lives we touch to sense that you are doing something powerful and compelling in our midst. In the name of our Savior, Jesus, we ask it.

C Amen. *(Please be seated)*

+ SACRAMENT +

547 The Lamb

1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.
Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.
Refrain
Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His
own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

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PREFACE

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.

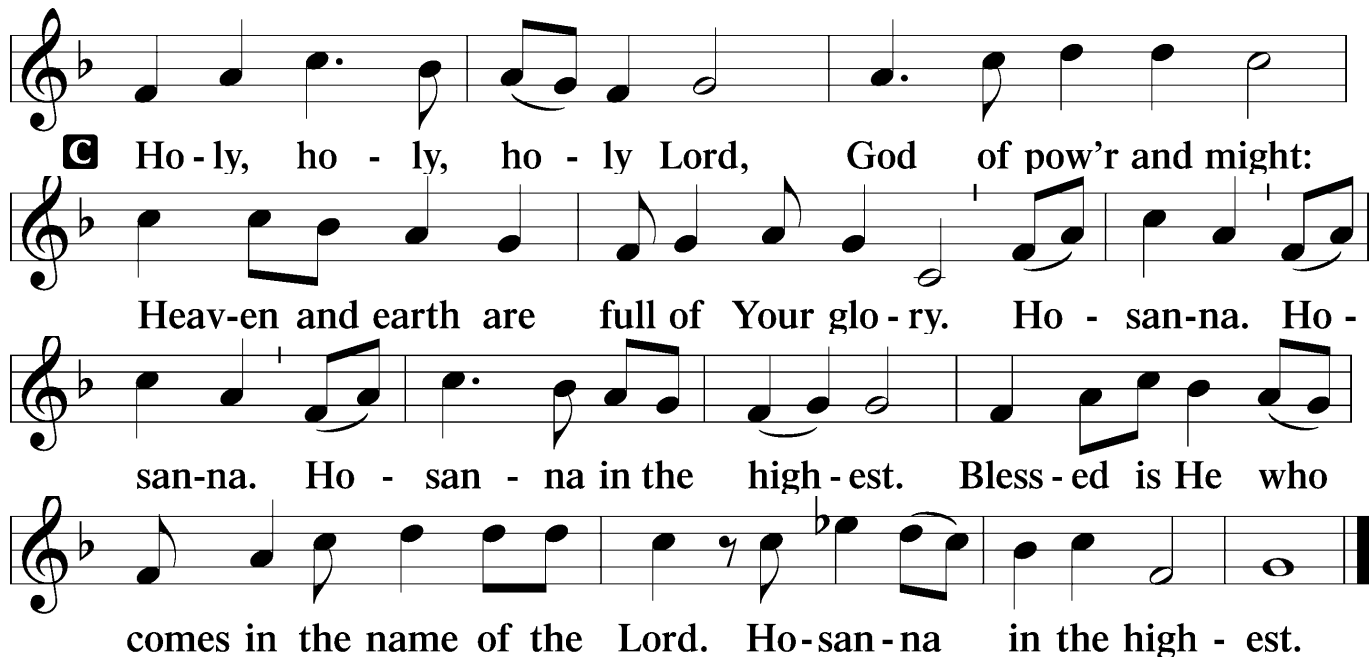
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You did not spare Your only Son but gave Him into death that we might have life. Though we cannot understand Your love or comprehend eternity, we lift our voices in thanksgiving and pray You to strengthen us through this Sacrament to serve as Your witnesses.
- C** Use us, we pray, so that the people around us will see our faith in all Your gracious promises.
- P** Gathered in Jesus' name, we pray that You would forgive, renew, and strengthen us. Gather us with all who are faithful so that together we may join the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. To You alone, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be glory, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P** O Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

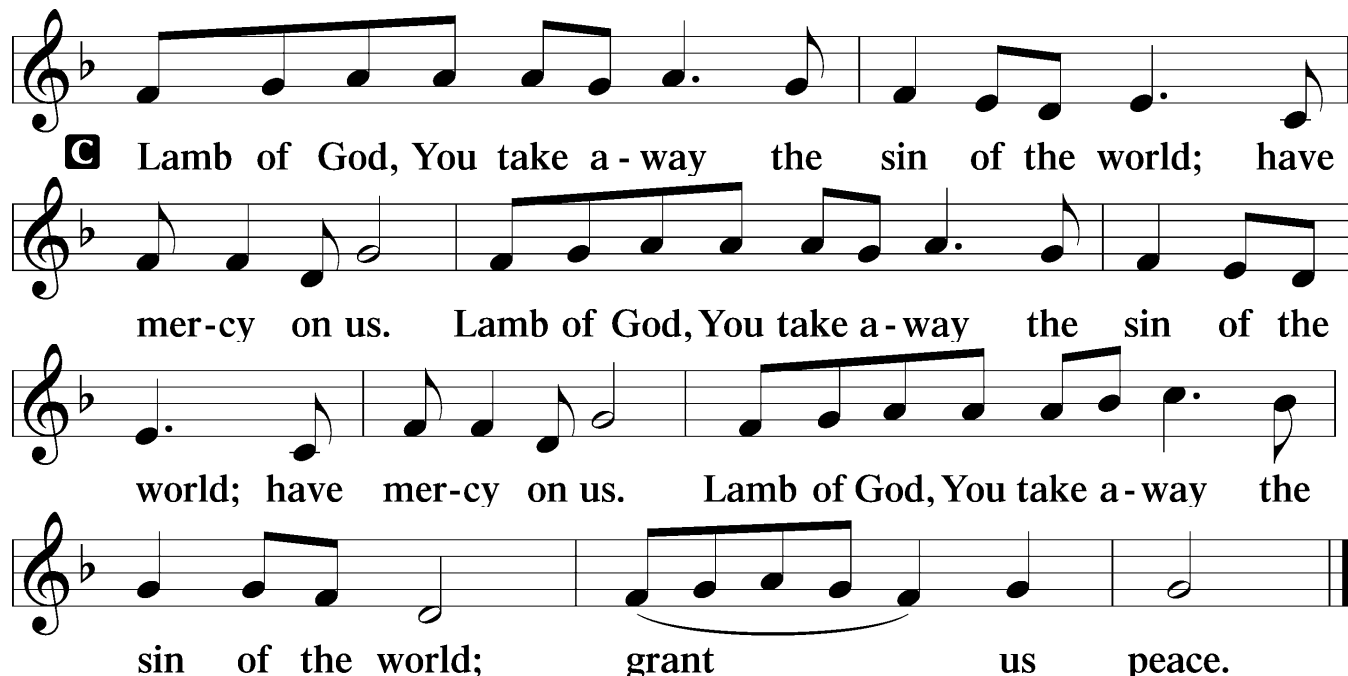
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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

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C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

How He Love Us – Crowder

He is jealous for me Love's like a hurricane, I am a tree
Bending beneath the weight of His wind and mercy

When all of a sudden I am unaware of these afflictions eclipsed by glory
And I realize just how beautiful You are
And how great Your affections are for me

And oh, how He loves us, Oh, how He loves us How He loves us all

And He is jealous for me Love's like a hurricane, I am a tree
Bending beneath the weight of his wind and mercy.

When all of a sudden I am unaware of these afflictions eclipsed by glory
And I realize just how beautiful You are
And how great Your affections are for me.

And, oh, how He loves us, oh Oh, how He loves us
How He loves us all He loves us__

And we are His portion and He is our prize

Drawn to redemption by the grace in His eyes
If His grace is an ocean, we're all sinking

And heaven meets earth like an unforeseen kiss
And my heart turns violently inside of my chest
I don't have time to maintain these regrets
When I think about, the way....

Oh, how He loves us. Oh, oh, how He loves us,
How He loves us, Oh, How He loves___
Yeah He loves us. Oh, how He loves us,
Oh, how He loves us, Oh, how He Loves___

Yeah, He loves us. Oh, how He loves us.
Oh, how He loves us. Oh, how He loves us all.

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What a Beautiful Name (video)

You were the Word at the beginning, One With God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation, Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is, What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a beautiful Name it is, Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is, The Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us So Jesus, You brought heaven down
My sin was great, Your love was greater What could separate us now

What a wonderful Name it is, What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a wonderful Name it is, Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is, The Name of Jesus
What a wonderful Name it is, The Name of Jesus

How sweet is your name, Lord, how good You are
Love to sing in the name of the Lord, love to sing for you all?
Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You
You silenced the boast, of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival; You have no equal Now and forever, God, You reign
Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory Yours is the Name, above all names

What a powerful Name it is, What a powerful Name it is

The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a powerful Name it is, Nothing can stand against

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THE DISMISSAL

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

THANK THE LORD

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C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev - 'ry-one what
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -
joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
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BENEDICTION

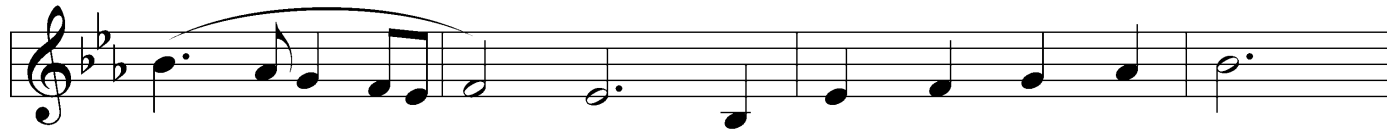
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

482 THIS JOYFUL EASTERTIDE



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and
 2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the
 3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son



sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,
 riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill
 slum - ber Till trump from east to west



Has sprung to life this mor - row:
 My pass - ing soul de - liv - er:
 Shall wake the dead in num - ber:

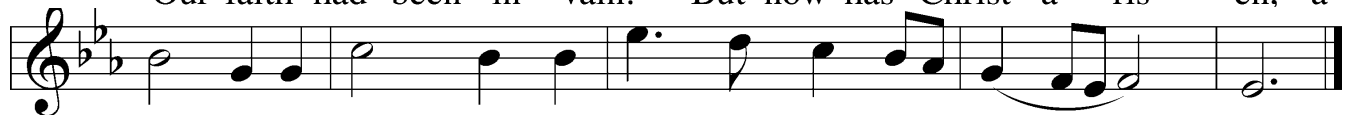
Refrain



Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day pris - on,



Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris - en; But now has Christ a - ris - en!

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P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P Go in peace as you serve our living Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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