

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
2nd Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025

9:00 a.m.

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Silent Meditation, Personal Confession, Announcements,

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Sing a New Song

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***Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON

Acts 5:12-20

¹² The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade. ¹³ No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number. ¹⁵ As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. ¹⁶ Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by impure spirits, and all of them were healed. ¹⁷ Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. ¹⁸ They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. ¹⁹ But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. ²⁰ "Go, stand in the temple courts," he said, "and tell the people all about this new life."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks Be To God

PSALM 148

¹ Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.

² **Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.**

³ Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

⁴ **Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.**

⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord, for at his command they were created,
⁶ **and he established them for ever and ever— he issued a decree that will never pass away.**
⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,
⁸ **lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding,**
⁹ you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,
¹⁰ **wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,**
¹¹ kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth,
¹² **young men and women, old men and children.**
¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.
¹⁴ **And he has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his faithful servants, of Israel, the people close to his heart. Praise the Lord.**

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 1:4-9

⁴ John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen. ⁷ “Look, he is coming with the clouds,” and “every eye will see him, even those who pierced him”; and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.” So shall it be! Amen. ⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.” ⁹ I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks Be To God

*Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Lord, To Whom Shall We Go?

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, chapter 6

Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” ²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” ²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my

hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” ²⁸ Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” ³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of our Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Children’s Message
 Sermon

“Turning Unbelief to Belief”

Pr. Andrew Young

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF THE LORD

*Hymn of the Day	<i>Lord, I Lift Your Name on High</i> (sing twice)	ELW #857 (Attached)
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Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks Be To God.

WE GO AND WORK IN THE LORD'S KINGDOM

Ministers: All who believe

Pastors: Andrew Young

Piano:	Connie Holton
Flowers:	Lori Lanzendorf
Greeters:	Kelsey Stevens/Zach Rogers-Sherman
Reader:	Heather Geiger
Refreshments:	Jinx Sorensen/Becky Murray
Council:	Val Ross/Derrick Monson/Carl Grassel/Mike Hansen
Altar Guild:	Heather Geiger/Kris Bell/Jinx Sorensen/Darlene Idland

Prayers for Healing and Hope

Jim Caldwell underwent another knee replacement surgery. Please pray for successful and complete rehabilitation.
Michael Wood facing kidney failure.

Susan Olson, mother of a dear friend of Abigail Ross, battling cancer for a second time.

Ole Wentz, good friend of the Zankowski family has now been diagnosed with liver cancer and has started immunotherapy. He has had his first treatment and will have another in 6 weeks. Please continue with prayers as he faces a long uphill climb.

Tom Grabinski, former member of Peace Lutheran, beginning treatment for Prostate Cancer. Prayers for courage and positive treatment results!

Nancy Schievelbein's brother Robert, undergoing cancer treatment.

Jenn Kolling's second cousin, Luanne, fighting cancer.

Kathy Benson, friend of Nancy Norberg, diagnosed with lung cancer; beginning chemo therapy.

Jodi Robbins continues uterine cancer treatment with the addition of radiation therapy.

Janet Keppel, Darlene Idland's friend is on a new, more tolerable treatment, praise there's signs the tumor is being attacked, continue prayers, please.

Diane Oddy health issues.

Continued prayers for Jackie Currey's niece, Heidi Harbaugh, ill with Sarcoidosis.....a rare, very dangerous inflammatory disease. Recovery time is very long.

Prayers for Dustin Hampton's father, as he deals with serious health concerns.

Jenn Darr.....Prayers for a full recovery and supportive treatment options going forward.

Mike Mattson's nephew, Dr. Keith Stampher; advanced bladder cancer.

Erin Waynes mother, Judy Ficke, cancer treatment. Prayers for her medical team and her recovery.

Dwain and Olive Lavinder, dealing with cancer.

Prayers for Dee Feddes's friend Megan from Billings.....diagnosed with ALS.

Mike Mattson's sister, Donna, Stage 4 breast cancer.

Mary Gaub, Joni Sando's mother.....continues cancer treatment.

Carl Watts, friend of the Young family....wife Jane in a care facility because of advanced Parkinson's.

Yoki Johnson, friend of Larry & Char Somers, metastatic breast cancer.

Prayers for Blessings and Encouragement

Katie Sorensen deployed to the Middle East. Prayers for Nick, Claire and Diana here at home.

Christ's Gift Academy in Mbita, Kenya