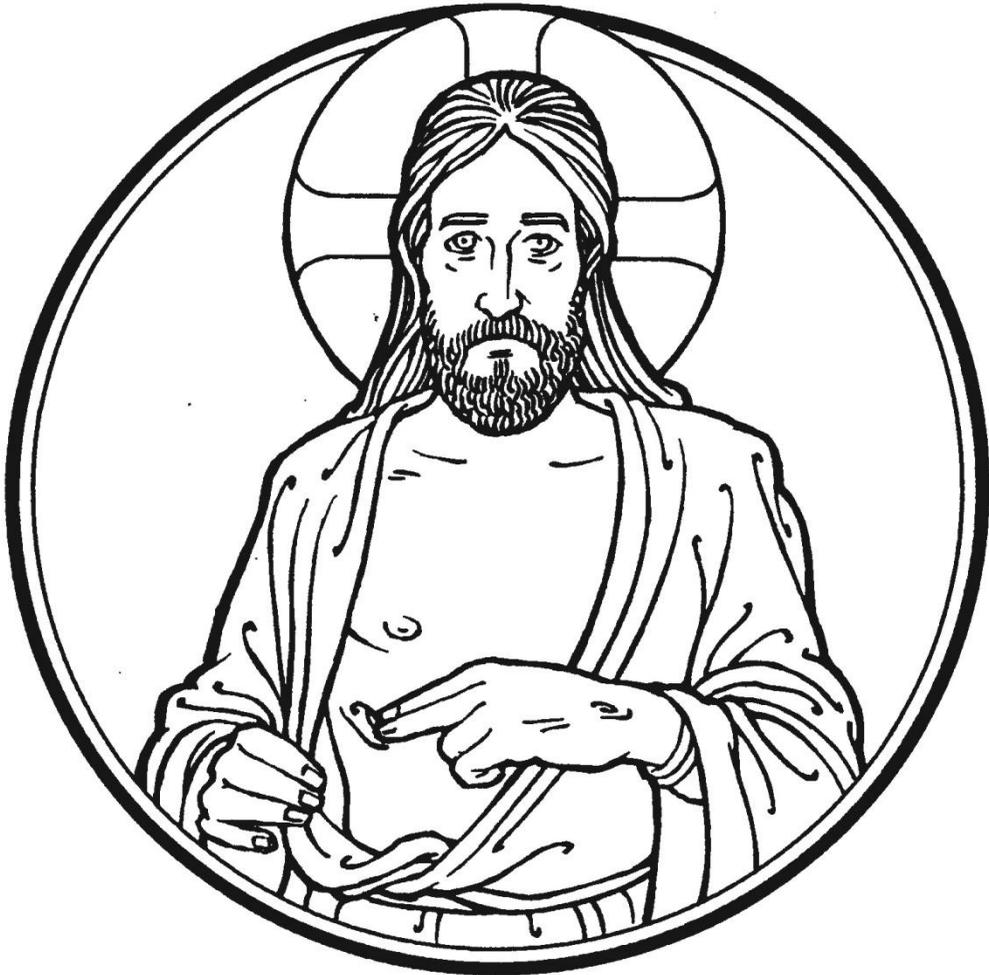


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Lutheran Church



His Life is My Peace

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WELCOME TO OUR ONLINE WORSHIP

Thank you for worshiping with us today! We would love to keep connected with you, so make sure you like us on Facebook or subscribe to our YouTube channel: Redeeming Grace Rogers. If you'd like to know more about our congregation or want to become a member, please contact Pastor Mayer.

WORSHIP AND HOLY COMMUNION IN QUARENTINE

Lutheran Worship focuses on God's service to His people. Today our Triune God visits us each personally through His holy Word to give us forgiveness, life, and salvation. Holy Communion or the Lord's Supper is a sacred meal where Jesus comes to us personally in, with, and under the bread and wine. Because this meal is such a sacred and intimate expression of our faith, we will only be conducting Communion in person by appointment. If you'd like to receive Communion or would like to know more about communing with our church family, please contact Pastor Mayer.

SERVING TODAY | *Our special thanks for your service*

Pianist	Jonnica Mayer
Choir	Ben and Elaina Adickes, Kayla Radke, Kevin and Margie LaBeau
Camera	Kevin LaBeau

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP | *See pages 10-11, and 156 in the Hymnal*

SERVICE OF PREPARATION



*We prepare for worship by returning to our Baptism.
"And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized
and wash your sins away, calling on His name." Acts 4:22*

GATHERING VERSE | *read together*

In Jesus, we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. Ephesians 1:7

OPENING HYMN

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain | 142

*Come, you faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness!
God has brought his Israel Into joy from sadness,
See the spring of souls today: Christ has burst his prison
And from three days' sleep in death As a sun has risen.*

*All the winter of our sins, Long and dark, is flying
From his light, to whom we give Laud and praise undying.
Neither could the gates of death Nor the tomb's dark portal
Nor the watchers nor the seal Hold him as a mortal.*

*But today among his own Christ appeared, bestowing
Blessed peace, which evermore Passes human knowing.
Come, you faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness!
God has brought his Israel Into joy from sadness.*

THE COMMON SERVICE | *please stand*

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P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *Amen.*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Welcome, Happy Morning | 163

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

***Maker and Redeemer, Life and Health of all,
God from heav'n beholding Human nature's fall,
Of the Father's Godhead You, the only Son,
Mankind to deliver Manhood did put on.
"Welcome, happy morning!" Age to age shall say;
"Hell today is vanquished; Heav'n is won today!"***

***Free the souls long prisoned, Bound with Satan's chain;
All that now is fallen Raise to life again.
Show your face in brightness; Shine in ev'ry land
As in Eden's garden When the world began.
"Welcome, happy morning!" Age to age shall say;
"Hell today is vanquished; Heav'n is won today!"***

P: The Lord be with you.

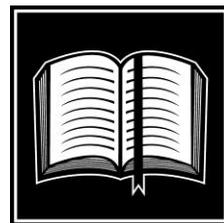
C: ***And also with you.***

P: Let us pray: O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by your Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ***Amen.***

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Through the reading and preaching of His holy Word, Jesus calls out, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28.



OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 10:34a, 36, 39-43

Then Peter began to speak... ³⁶You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all... ³⁹"We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused

him to be seen. ⁴¹He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Peter 1:3-9

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, ⁵who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

VERSE OF THE DAY | *read together*

John 20:29b

**C: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia.
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.
Alleluia.**

We believe in one God, the Father, the 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death 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, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | *Children gather at the baptismal font*

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won | 145

***Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won! Death no longer can appall me.
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave Christ will recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence; This shall be my confidence.***

***Jesus lives! To him the throne High o'er heav'n and earth is given,
I shall go where he is gone, Live and reign with him in heaven.
God is faithful; doubtings, hence! This shall be my confidence.***

***Jesus lives! For me he died; Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide, Praise to him and glory giving.
All I need God will dispense; This shall be my confidence.***

***Jesus lives! I know full well Nothing me from him shall sever,
Life nor death nor pow'rs of hell Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be a sure defense; This shall be my confidence.***

***Jesus lives! And now is death But the gate to life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath When I pass in gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense: "Jesus is my confidence!"***

SERMON | *His Peace is Yours!*

John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. ²¹Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²²And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." ²⁴Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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 it." ²⁶A 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!" ²⁷Then 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 did many other miraculous 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 Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

RESPONSE | *please stand*

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Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Heaven and earth unite in this sacred meal for the forgiveness of sins. "Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him." Psalm 34:8



THE LORD'S PRAYER AND PREFACE | *please stand*

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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: The Lord be with you.

C: *And also with you.*

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: *It is good and right so to do.*

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts: heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Pastor speaks the words of institution

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

C: *Amen.*

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Our members are encouraged to make a special appointment with pastor during the week for Holy Communion.

THANKSGIVING AND BLESSING | *please stand*

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Lord, now You let your servant depart in peace according to Your word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel.

P: O Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

C: *And His mercy endures forever.*

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *Amen.*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + Give you peace.

C: *Amen. Amen. Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

This Joyful Eastertide | **160**

This joyful Eastertide Away with sin and sorrow!

My love, the Crucified, Has sprung to life this morrow. refrain

Refrain: Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst his three day prison, Our faith had been in vain: But now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen; But now is Christ arisen.

Death's flood has lost its chill Since Jesus crossed the river; Lover of souls, from ill My passing soul deliver. refrain

My flesh in hope shall rest And for a season slumber Till trump from east to west Shall wake the dead in number. refrain

ON MY HEART TIME | weekly home devotion guide

Weekly Review	Catechism Bible History	Confession Matthew 26:1-34, John 13-17
Bible Readings	Old Testament Epistle Gospel	Acts 2:14a, 36-47 1 Peter 1:17-21 Luke 24:13-35
Prayer and Praise	Hymn Psalm	Abide, O Dearest Jesus Psalm 67



GROWING IN GRACE

Sunday	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Monday	1-5 p.m.	Pastor's office hours
Tuesday	1-5 p.m.	Pastor's office hours
Wednesday	1-5 p.m.	Pastor's office hours
	5:15 p.m.	Confirmation posted
Thursday	1-5 p.m.	Pastor's office hours

If office hours don't work for you, contact Pastor Mayer to make a special appointment.