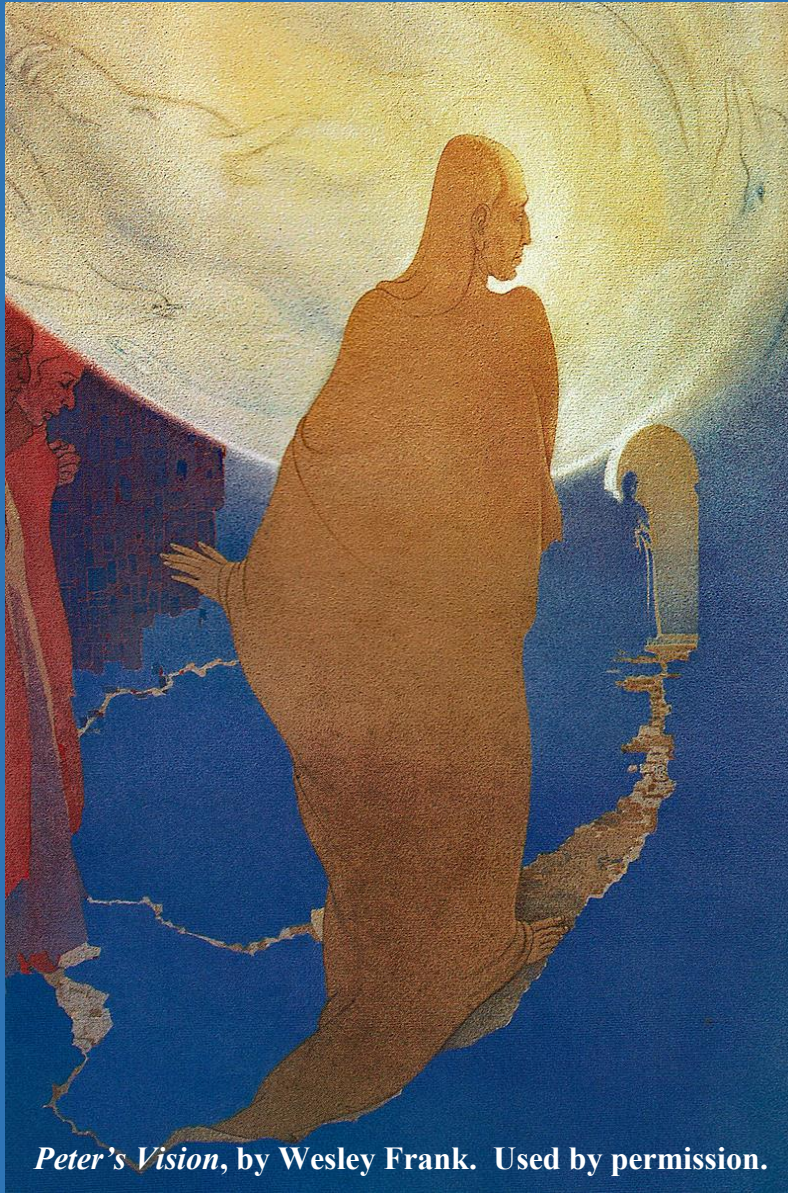


SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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May 5, 2024

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

This Sunday's Gospel image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve, and to include others as Jesus did—thus making strangers into friends. In the story from Acts 10, the Spirit prompts Peter to broaden his thinking beyond the "usual suspects," thus opening the door to Cornelius and non-Jews who had previously been excluded.

We celebrate Christ's presence in the Sacrament of the Table each week at Peace. Christ, our Host, meets us in this meal of grace and offers himself, fully embodied, in the bread and wine. He invites all to come and meet him in this Holy Meal.

✚ GATHERING ✚

P – *Presider* C – *Congregation* L – *Lector* A – *Assisting Minister*
ELW – *Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

P Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

GATHERING HYMN

We Know that Christ Is Raised

ELW #449, vs. 1-2



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em-braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re-born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

GREETING

P The grace of the risen Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

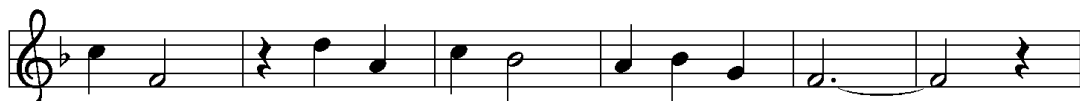
HYMN OF PRAISE *This Is the Feast of Victory for Our God!*

ELW p. 122

Refrain



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



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
 free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
 strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, 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, hon - or, glo - ry, and
 might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

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, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, in your son Jesus you call us into a relationship of friendship that expands the circle of community ever outward. Grant us such love that, following his command, our community of faith will become an open door; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48

Kathleen Keyes

After a vision directs Peter to share the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 98

Sing to the Lord a New Song

M. Haugen

The congregation joins the choir on each refrain.

Refrain II



Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done won-der-ful deeds.



Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done won-der-ful deeds.

1. Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done wondrous deeds; whose right hand has won the victory for us, God's holy arm.
2. The Lord has made salvation known, and justice revealed to all, remembering kindness and faithfulness to Israel.
3. All of the ends of earth have seen salvation by our God. Joyfully sing out all you lands, break forth in song.
4. Sing to the Lord with harp and song, with trumpet and with horn. Sing in your joy before the king, the king, our Lord.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

John calls upon Christians to love God and to love one another. Toward the end of this text, John says exactly what this faithfulness means: we love God when we obey God's commandments.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION HYMN *Please rise in body or spirit to receive the gospel.*



P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 15th Chapter

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

GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

Jesus said: ⁹"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

P The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to you, O Christ!**

CHOIR ANTHEM

If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments

Thomas Tallis

CHILDREN'S TIME

Chelsea Globe

SERMON

Pastor Erik Kindem

HYMN OF THE DAY

In Christ There Is No East or West

ELW #650



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com - mu - nion find;
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com - mu - ni - ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
 his ser - vice is the gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man-kind.
 All chil-dren of the liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Laura Bermes

A Rejoicing that Jesus has risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

Petitions are offered that end with:

A God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

When all petitions have been offered:

A Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected living Lord.

C Amen.

+ MEAL +

THE PEACE

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

C And also with you. *We share a gesture of peace with our neighbors.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

TUNE: BEACHSPRING

God whose giving knows no ending from your rich and endless store:
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door.
Gifted by you we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through pow'rs your grace conferred;
Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Risen One,

C you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. 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.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, O God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so with earth and sea and all their creatures, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Eternal Wisdom, we praise you and give you thanks,
because you emptied yourself of power and became foolishness for our sake;
for you so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

**C Take and eat, this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.**

P Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

**C This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.**

P With this bread and cup we member his life laid down and lifted up
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P Send your Spirit upon us and these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless us to be a blessing. Make us a sign of your faithfulness.
Send us to tend and cherish the Earth and to serve the world
with mercy and love, through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(ecumenical)*

P With resurrection joy we are bold to pray:

**C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

C Thanks be to God!

DISTRIBUTION

We commune processionally. Extend your hands to receive bread. A gluten free wafer is also available. Both wine (dark) and grape juice (light) are available in the ceramic cups. Place your empty cup in the box at the end of the front pew on your way back. Children are welcome to receive when their parents believe they are ready, with the support of the pastor. Any who prefer a blessing may cross their hands over their chest as they come forward.

LAMB OF GOD



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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Beautiful Savior

ELW #838



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
 3 Are we weak and heav-y - lad - en, cum-bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.

Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need-less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share?
 Do your friends de-spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so-lace there.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always.

C Amen.

+ SENDING +

SENDING HYMN

We Know that Christ Is Raised

ELW #449, vs. 3-4

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows

Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
 Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
 The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
 as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.

and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:

Hal - le - lu - jah!


DISMISSAL

- A Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
A Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.
C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE



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OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

At the Congregational Meeting on February 4, we embraced a plan for funding our mission in 2024. That plan anticipates offering income averaging \$26,477 monthly. Thank you for your gifts which support God's mission at Peace, in the larger community, and internationally through the ELCA!

Offering Income received April 2024

04/07/24	\$ 2,990.00
04/14/24	\$ 1,126.00
04/21/24	\$ 1,488.00
04/28/24	\$ 2,302.00
<u>Electronic</u>	<u>\$13,353.00</u>
Total	\$21,459.00

SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING TODAY!

A special congregation meeting has been called by the Church Council for Sunday, May 5th to discuss and approve recommendations for fixing our HVAC Heating System. A quorum of 45 voting members is required to act on the proposal. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend so that we can move forward on a solution. More details will be forth coming regarding the proposed fix and options for funding it. After "making do" for three months with a temporary solution, we're all eager to see a permanent fix implemented! Please plan to join us in making this step on May 5th.

FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DONATION

Please remember to bring your First Sunday food donations--now for both the Welcome Table and the White Center Food Bank. Bring them forward as you come to Communion or place them in the front pews before worship. Your neighbors thank you!

THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

For Mother's Day and Mother Earth. Are you planning to buy flowers, candy, or another gift for your mom this week? You have the opportunity to give a lovely present to both your mom *and* Mother Earth. Consider natural-fiber materials for clothing; a cruelty-free fragrance; organic, responsibly-sourced chocolates; or local-hive beeswax candles. Buying locally helps reduce a gift's carbon impact, and wrapping the package in a fabric bag or lovely scarf (bonus gift!) reduces waste. If you're buying a bouquet, consider the impact of the cut-flower industry, which has historically been problematic in terms of labor exploitation, toxicity and pollution, carbon emissions and exorbitant plastic usage. This year, consider purchasing a flowering plant, perhaps a native pollinator, from a neighborhood nursery!

Pray for Creation: We join the psalmist and "all the earth" in expressing both our joys and concerns for God's awe-some creation.

REVISIONING AT PEACE SMALL GROUP MEETINGS

The Re:Visioning Team would love to invite you into a conversation with your fellow community members at Peace Lutheran Church! We are hoping to create a vision and plan for what the next 10+ years will look like for our congregation. Your thoughts and ideas are welcome, encouraged, and needed! Please choose a date and time that will work for your household...we are expecting these meetings to last about 60-75 minutes. A huge thank you to the wonderful folks who are willing to host!

Two planned meetings are on the calendar for May:

Sign Up Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4EAAAA2EA5FC1-48238442-revisioning>.



PRAYER LIST

Please continue to remember the sick and home-bound of our congregation and others who have sought our prayers: Sick/Recovering: Cay Bell; Laura Bermes; Jan Burt; Rick & Charlene Coulson; Marsha Davis; MaryAnne DeVry; Bishop Elizabeth Eaton; Joe Flint; Deena Fuller; Donna Heiland; Jerry Heiland; Verna Hernandez; Maria Iriarte; Mary Jacob; Jeff & Dolly; Mark Kindem; Ken Keyes; Nancy Krueger; Dee Levy; Evelyn Martinez; Pete McIntyre; Steve Metzler; Bill Morrell; Susan Munn; Eleanor Ness; Penelope Grace; Michelle Pierce; Jill Ramsey; Joey Roberts; Rosemary; JoAnne Spangler; Pat Spangler; Sean Stephens; Sarah Taylor; Karin & Wade VanSant; Pam Webber; Roger Wingfield; Patti Wunder; Inta Zagars; Audrey Zemke.

Homebound: Jim Baker; Connie Benjamin; Marjorie Johnson; Jan Madsen

PROTOCOL FOR PRAYER LIST We will keep people on the prayer list for one month unless otherwise specified or unless you contact the Peace office to extend the time.

RECONCILING IN CHRIST AFFIRMATION OF WELCOME

Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness, in a world that can be filled with alienation and brokenness. In faithfulness to the Gospel and to our Lutheran heritage, we answer Christ's call to be agents of healing and safety, particularly for people who have been marginalized by our society. As a Christian community, we invite all people to join us as we work to better understand the meaning of grace for our lives.



We welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities into the life and mission of our congregation.

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