



## Peace Lutheran Church Order of Worship

Seventh Sunday of Easter  
May 24, 2020  
Sunday 10:00 am

### Disciples of Peace Serving Today

Officiating	Pastor Al Cassel
Music	Michael English
AV Technician	Matt McNutt

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### +ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Al Cassel

### \*GATHERING SONG

*How Firm a Foundation*

### \*PRAYER OF GATHERING

P: Let us pray... Lord of the resurrection, you died and were raised so that ultimately death would not prevail. Remind us daily that sin, and even death, have no power over us.

C: **Amen.**

### THE LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:1-26, 51-57

R: Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all

die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ, the first fruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority, and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

“Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

R: Here ends the lesson.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**C: Here we come, here we stand, broken lives, needful hands; to be washed by your word; may our voices be heard as we sing Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

### **\*THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD**

Mark 12:26-27

A. The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Now about the dead rising—have you not read in the Book of Moses, in the account of the burning bush, how God said to him, ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? He is not the God of the dead, but of the living. You are badly mistaken!”

A: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **MESSAGE**

Pastor Al Cassel

### **\*SONG OF THE DAY**

*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

### **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

A: Please join with me as we make profession of our Easter faith.

**C. I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **\*THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

A: *(Invite the congregation to be seated)* Gathered together as God’s people in Christ Jesus, let us pray for God’s creation, those in need, and all of the church.

*Brief silence for personal prayer.*

A: . . . Hear us, O God,

C: **your mercy is great.**

A: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

P: Let us pray. Resurrected Lord,

C: **Easter is the fulfillment of the promise you made to your disciples, that whosoever would lose their life for your sake would find it. Help us to find ourselves in your promise. Help us to give as you have given, not as a demand but as a hope. Help us to live that hope today, as we follow you beyond the cross into the new life of Easter. Amen.**

**\*WE SHARE THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**\*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**\*THE 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.**

**COMMUNION**

**\*PASTORAL PRAYER**

Pastor Al Cassel

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

C: **Amen.**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: He is Risen!

C: **He is Risen Indeed! May we who have feasted on his body and blood, experience the call to live our lives in reckless abandon for the sake of the gospel. May we become signs of the Kingdom of God, at work even now in the midst of a broken world. He is Risen and we welcome his presence with us this day. Amen.**

**\*THE BLESSING**

P: And now may the Lord bless us and keep us. May the Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us. And may the Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen!**

**\*SENDING SONG**

*From Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Lyrics**

**Gathering Song**

*How Firm a Foundation*

*How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said  
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?*

*Fear not! I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*

*When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
My grace all-sufficient, shall be your supply.  
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.*

*Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,*

*Pure, unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation,  
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.*

*Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit  
Into ev'ry troubled breast;  
Let us all in thee inherit;  
Let us find thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning,  
Set our hearts at liberty.*

*Come, Almighty, to deliver;  
Let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
Glory in thy perfect love.*

### **Song after Sermon:**

*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

*Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does its successive journeys run;*

*His kingdom stretches from shore to shore,  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.*

*To him shall endless prayer be made,  
And praises throng to crown his head;  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise  
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.*

*People and realms of ev'ry tongue  
Dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on his name.*

## **Sending Song**

*From Whom All Blessings Flow*

*What gift of love could I offer to a King  
What weight or worth could be held within my offering  
When He alone is worthy*

*A glory song is inscribed upon my heart  
This treasure held in an alabaster jar I break  
To bring Him all the glory*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below*

*What sacrifice could be equal to His own  
The cross of Christ has declared that there is nought I owe  
Yet I know I owe Him all*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

*Our Father God the infinite  
The matchless King magnificent*

*The living Christ  
The servant Son  
The prophesied  
The saving One*

*The Holy Ghost gift from above  
The faithful Friend  
The seal of love*

*This life, this heart  
This song to Him*

*My all in all*

*My everything*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

*Praise Him all creatures here below*

*Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts*

*Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost*

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