

# Peace Lutheran Church

## Sunday Worship

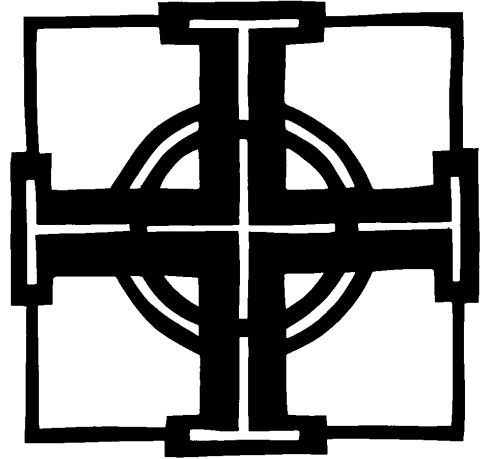
May 1, 2022

Leader/All

### GATHERING

#### Call to Worship

Come and worship,  
all you who love and serve God —  
God, who surrounds us with unfailing love,  
and answers us when we call;  
who cares for the humble and lowly,  
and never abandons those in need.  
Come and worship! This is our God,  
**worthy of our worship  
and worthy of our praise!**



**Gathering Hymn – ELW #367 Now All the Vault of Heaven...vv. 1-3**

#### Welcome and Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

#### Texas Kyrie

#### Glory in the Highest

#### Sharing Of Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

#### Prayer of the Day

God of resurrection,  
**Your son, Jesus, awed his followers by appearing among them. With awe  
we also celebrate his resurrection and rejoice in eternal life. Amen.**

## WORD

### A Word for All God's Children

**Gospel Reading – John 20:19-31** (see insert)

**Sermon - Pastor Dawn**

**Hymn of the Day - ACS #1000 God's Work. Our Hands.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

For your work in the church, we give thanks. Plant and tend relationships among faith communities, both ecumenical and interfaith, that in faithful listening, speech, and action, our hands work to bear fruit for the sake of all in need. God of grace, we pray, **hear us when we call.**

For your work in creation, we give thanks. Sustain peoples and places affected by climate change, ecological devastation, and natural disasters. Prosper the work of creation-care ministries locally and globally, that with our minds and hearts opened, our hands work to lovingly care for the earth. God of life, we pray, **hear us when we call.**

For your work among the nations, we give thanks. Direct leaders in paths of honest service, that both their words and actions are carried out on behalf of those whom they serve. We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine and all affected by the devastation of war. God of righteousness, we pray, **hear us when we call.**

For your work in places of need, we give thanks. Sustain all who are wearied by unemployment or lack of adequate food or housing, that we advocate for relief and just policy. Bring healing to all who are sick through the skillful hands and compassionate hearts of physicians, nurses, therapists and caregivers. We pray especially for... God of restoration, we pray, **hear us when we call.**

For your work in this worshipping community, we give thanks. Bless the service projects of this day and throughout the year. Foster deeper connections among those who serve and a spirit of accompaniment as we work alongside those in our community. Strengthen our faith, that we trust God moving in and among us. God of love, we pray, **hear us when we call.**

For your work among those who came before us, we give thanks. We remember those who have died and are held forever in your loving hands. Today we pray especially for Reverend Jerry Kuehn. Hold us in your presence now and always. God of heaven and earth, **hear us when we call.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **MEAL**

### **Offering**

*Members are encouraged to help support the mission and ministry of Peace. If you are visiting Peace, please be our guests. Your presence is a gift to our community.*

### **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **Words of Institution**

### **Lord's Prayer – page 154**

### **Distribution of Holy Communion**

*All who believe in the real presence of Christ are welcome to receive the gift of this meal. You are welcome no matter who you are, where you've been or what you've done. This is God's gift of grace for you. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available along with the bread and wine. Please ask the server if this is your preference. Those who do not commune are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

### **Communion Blessing and Prayer**

We give you thanks, generous God,

for in this bread and cup

we have tasted the new heaven and earth

where hunger and thirst are no more.

Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,

that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

# SENDING

## Announcements

### Blessing for Service

Go forth today and every day to love and serve God,  
to love and serve your neighbor,  
and to be God's hands in the world.

Go forth today and every day surrounded and supported  
by the love of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### Sending Hymn- ELW #538 The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

### Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**May 8 – Graduation Sunday and Send off for Pastor Dawn**

**May 15 – Bishop Emeritus Jim Arends**

**May 22 – Christine Jacobsen**