

“Was it not necessary that the  
**Christ should  
suffer these  
things**  
and enter into  
**his glory?”**

Luke 24:26, ESV

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*The Mission of Peace Lutheran Church is to honor our Lord Jesus Christ through worship and ministering to all God’s people equipping them for service to God and to each other.*

### DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING THREE

**PRELUDE**

*Organist*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Peace Handbell Choir*

*“A Simple Celebration” – Kevin McChesney*

**OPENING HYMN** *“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen” LSB 474*

- 1 Alleluia!  
Jesus is risen!  
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb,  
Heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! **Refrain**

**Refrain**

*Jesus is risen and we shall arise:  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!*

- 2 Walking the way,  
Christ in the center  
Telling the story to open our eyes;  
Breaking our bread,  
Giving us glory:  
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. **Refrain**

3 Jesus the vine,  
We are the branches;  
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;  
Heaven to earth,  
Christ to the people,  
Gift of the future now flowing to me. **Refrain**

4 Weeping, be gone;  
Sorrow, be silent:  
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
Cherubim sing:  
"O grave, be open!"  
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. **Refrain**

5 City of God,  
Easter forever,  
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,  
River of life,  
Saints and archangels,  
Sing with creation to God the I AM! **Refrain**

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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their  
Baptism.*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the  
Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.** *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart  
and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching  
Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us  
forgiveness. *[Hebrews 10:22]*

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C who made heaven and earth.** *Psalm 124:8*

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *Psalm 32:5*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my  
sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You  
and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal  
punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and  
sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your  
boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy,  
innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved  
Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a  
poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a  
called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the  
grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the  
command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your  
sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of  
the Holy Spirit. *[John 20:19-23]*

**C Amen.**

Service of the Word

**INTROIT** *Psalm 133*

P Behold, how good and pleasant it is  
when brothers dwell in unity!

**C It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on  
the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the  
collar of his robes!**

P It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

### GLORIA PATRI

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**☐** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



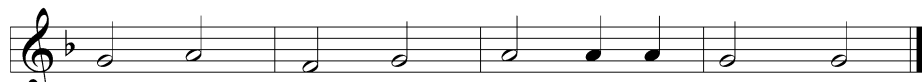
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

### KYRIE *Mark 10:47*

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**☐** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

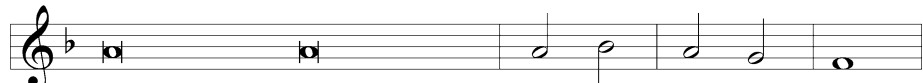
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**☐** Glory be to God on high: **☐** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



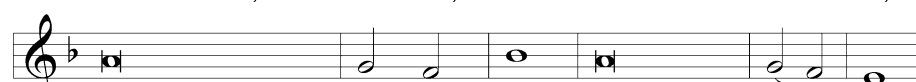
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



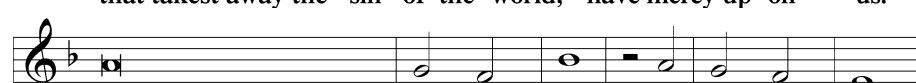
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



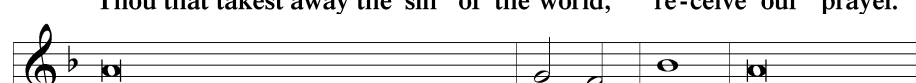
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



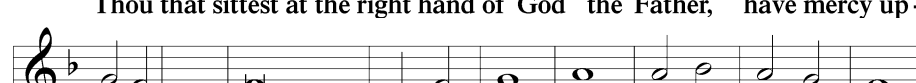
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



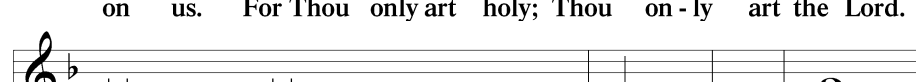
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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P The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*



**☐** And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual

gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

### FIRST READING

*Acts 2:14a, 36–41*

<sup>14</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

<sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” <sup>38</sup>And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” <sup>40</sup>And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” <sup>41</sup>So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### GRADUAL

*Psalm 116:1–14; antiphon: v. 5*

P I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

**C Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

P The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

**C Then I called on the name of the LORD: “O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”**

P Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

**C The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.**

P Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

**C For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;**

P I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

**C I believed, even when I spoke, “I am greatly afflicted”;**

P I said in my alarm, “All mankind are liars.”

**C What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me?**

P I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,

**C I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.**

## EPISTLE

1 Peter 1:17–25

<sup>17</sup>If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, <sup>18</sup>knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup>He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, <sup>21</sup>who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup>Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, <sup>23</sup>since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; <sup>24</sup>for

“All flesh is like grass  
and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers,  
and the flower falls,

<sup>25</sup>but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA

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Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:13–35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup>That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup>But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have

spoken! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup>And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup>So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, <sup>29</sup>but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" <sup>33</sup>And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup>saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## NICENE CREED

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**C I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,**

**begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down  
from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin  
Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius  
Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the  
Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both  
the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is  
worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic  
Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of  
sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead**

and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” LSB 655

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;  
Curb those who by deceit or sword  
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son  
And bring to naught all He has done.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow’r make known,  
For You are Lord of lords alone;  
Defend Your holy Church that we  
May sing Your praise eternally.
- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth,  
Send peace and unity on earth;  
Support us in our final strife  
And lead us out of death to life.

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**SERMON**

Rev. Khai Lee

“The Stranger Savior” Luke 24:13-35

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4:7*

C Amen.

Stand

**OFFERTORY**

*Psalms 51:10-12*

LSB 192



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

**LORD’S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9-13*

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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.

## SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.



☐ And with thy spir - it.

A Bless we the Lord.



☐ Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

## CLOSING HYMN “Stay with Us” LSB 879

- 1 Stay with us, till night has come:  
Our praise to You this day be sung.  
Bless our bread,  
Open our eyes:  
Jesus, be our great surprise.
- 2 Walk with us, our spirits sigh:  
Hear when our weary spirits cry,  
Feel again  
Our loss, our pain:  
Jesus, take us to Your side.
- 3 Walk with us, the road will bend:  
Make all our weeping, wailing end.

## LSB 201

2 Timothy 4:22

Wipe our tears,  
Forgive our fears:  
Jesus, lift the heavy cross.

- 4 Talk with us, till we behold  
A joyful life You will unfold:  
Heal our eyes  
To see the prize:  
Jesus, take us to the light.

- 5 Stay with us, till day is done:  
No tears nor dark shall dim the sun.  
Cheer the heart,  
Your grace impart:  
Jesus, bring eternal life.

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## CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### POSTLUDE

*Organist*

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