

big CHURCH

WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” *[LW 272, v. 1, 3, 6-7]*

OPENING LITURGY

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

C: Amen.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: This is the day the Lord has made.

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting.

C: The name of the Lord is to be praised.

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is gracious.

C: For his mercy endures forever.

P: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

C: Whose mercy has given us new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

P: Without having seen Him, we love Him and we believe in Him,

C: Receiving the outcome of our faith, the salvation of our souls.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Let us pray:

C: Almighty God, who through your Son overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life, grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection may arise from the death of our sin through the renewal of your Holy Spirit and may hear and obey your living Word of truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Alleluia, amen!

ANTHEM

“Alleluia, Praise the Risen King”

arr. Lloyd Larson

Voices of Peace

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 4:32-35 [NIV]

³²All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. ³³With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God’s grace was so powerfully at work in them all ³⁴that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales ³⁵and put it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

ALLELUIA VERSE “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing” [LW 129, v. 2]

HOLY GOSPEL John 20:24-31 [NIV 84]

²⁴Now Thomas (also known as 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.”

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.”

²⁸Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

²⁹Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” ³⁰Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P: Christ is Risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

AFFIRMATION of FAITH *1 Corinthians 15:1-6 & Colossians 1:15-20*

- P: Let us now confess our faith in our risen Lord, from the words of Holy Scripture, the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved.
- C: Christ died for our sins, was buried, and was raised to life on the third day, according to the Scriptures, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN “Alleluia, Sing to Jesus” [*LSB 821*]

SERMON “**BIG CHURCH: BIG PRAYERS**”

OFFERING

“Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”

arr. Dan Forrest

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PEOPLE of PEACE in PRAYER

Father in Heaven:

- Peace, Comfort, and Healing: Michell, Sam and Sophie Adams**-as they grieve the loss of John.
- Praise and Thanksgiving: Dick Goodspeed**-celebrating ninety years of good health, prosperity and love; **Veronica Ava Petersen** (daughter of Bradley and Roses Petersen)-baptized today.
- Wisdom and Courage** to our **Shut-ins and College Students.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *The Family Prayer of the People of God*

THE EASTER BENEDICTION

P: May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory, and praise, and might, and majesty, forever and ever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Lift High the Cross” [LW 311]

POSTLUDE “Lift High the Cross”

arr. Trey Clegg

SERMON: *Rev. James Mueller*

LITURGIST: *Rev. Morgan Hamilton*

CONNECT

- 90th Birthday Reception – Dick Goodspeed | Sunday, April 22 @ 9:45am
- HS Coffee & Bible Study | Sunday, April 22 | 6:15-8pm | @ Roots Coffee
- 38th Annual Men’s Retreat | April 27-29 | Online Registration Closed
 - Still need to register? Contact Greg Loving (Greg@PeaceChurch.org)
- Men’s & Ladies’ Night @ Shannon Brewery | Tuesday, May 8 | Register Online
 - Cost is \$10 per person – bring your own dinner
- VBS 2018 | June 25-29 | Save the Date! | Registration Opens Soon



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