



**8:30 a.m. ~ April 30, 2017**

**WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE**

**INVOCATION**

**Father, who the crown shall give,  
Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days:  
Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia! [LW 126, verse 8]**

**CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

**P:** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C:** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**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. [1 Peter 1:3-4]**

**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. [1 Peter 1:8-9]**

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

**P:** Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

**C:** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**Easter triumph, Easter joy!  
This alone can sin destroy;  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
Newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia! [LW 126, verse 7]**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, He gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

**Mighty Victim from the sky,  
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;  
You have conquered in the fight,  
You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!** [LW 126, verse 5]

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Corinthians 10:23-33 [NIV]**

<sup>23</sup>“I have the right to do anything,” you say—but not everything is beneficial. “I have the right to do anything”—but not everything is constructive. <sup>24</sup>No one should seek their own good, but the good of others. <sup>25</sup>Eat anything sold in the meat market without raising questions of conscience, <sup>26</sup>for, “The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it.”

<sup>27</sup>If an unbeliever invites you to a meal and you want to go, eat whatever is put before you without raising questions of conscience. <sup>28</sup>But if someone says to you, “This has been offered in sacrifice,” then do not eat it, both for the sake of the one who told you and for the sake of conscience. <sup>29</sup>I am referring to the other person’s conscience, not yours. For why is my freedom being judged by another’s conscience? <sup>30</sup>If I take part in the meal with thankfulness, why am I denounced because of something I thank God for?

<sup>31</sup>So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. <sup>32</sup>Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God—<sup>33</sup>even as I try to please everyone in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

**ALLELUIA VERSE “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!” [LW 129, v. 1]**

**HOLY GOSPEL John 20:19-31 [NIV 84]**

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup>Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."  
<sup>22</sup>And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas (also known as Didymus) one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So 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."

<sup>26</sup>A 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!"

<sup>27</sup>Then 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."

<sup>28</sup>Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

<sup>29</sup>Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

<sup>30</sup>Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup>But 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!**

## **SERMON "UNLOCKING THE DOUBT"**

### **PEOPLE of PEACE in PRAYER**

*Father in Heaven:*

•**Praise and Thanksgiving** for the Leitko family-David and Matthew turned 6 on April 29; Jeff and Becky celebrating 12 years of marriage today, April 30; Lela Shafer (David & Matthew's great-grandma)-turned 91 on April 29.

•**Wisdom** and **Courage** to our Elders and Shut-ins.

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

## COMMUNION LITURGY

### THE PREFACE

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 Him thanks and praise.**

P: Always and everywhere praise and thanks are due to You, almighty God, through Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, by whose perfect obedience and all-sufficient sacrifice we are bold to stand in Your presence, now and in the day of judgment. Therefore, with those who bear Your name on earth and those who praise Your name on high, we join in the everlasting hymn:

### THE SANCTUS

### PRAYER of PREPARATION

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on us children of a fallen humanity and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that He may establish in us a living faith and prepare us joyfully to remember our Redeemer and receive Him who comes to us in His body and blood.

**C: Amen.**

### WORDS of INSTITUTION

### THE PEACE

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

**C: And also with you.**

### AGNUS DEI

### OFFERING

*(Before Communing, please take time to read our statement of faith found in the pew rack in front of you; fill out and place your attendance card and offering in the basket as you come forward.)*

## **DISTRIBUTION MUSIC**

**“The Lamb”** [*LSB 547*]

**“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”** [*LW 264, v. 1-4, 8*]

## **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

## **CONNECT**

- **Voters’ Meeting | Sunday, May 7 | Following 11 o’clock worship**
  - *2017-18 Budget Proposal & Vote*
  - *Board of Director Nomination Process, Present of Nominee, & Vote*
  - *Proposed By-Law Amendments*
  - *Overview of Board Accomplishment*
  - *Update on Search Committee*
  - *Pastor’s Report*
- **New Member Class | May 7-28 | During Education Hour**
- **High School Youth Retreat | May 12-14 | Register Online!**
- **Relay for Life | Saturday, May 13 | 4-10pm | More info @ [PeaceChurch.org](http://PeaceChurch.org)**
- **VBS 2017 | June 19-23 | Registration Opens on May 7**

## **BENEDICTION**