



Mission Statement

As men, women and children united in faith and worship by the Word of God, we are **committed to making disciples**, using the gospel to win the lost for Christ, and nurturing believers for Christian service, all to the glory of God.

Service Times

Sundays 8:00 & 10:30; Monday 6:30pm

Television: Sundays, 12:30 pm,
channel 98 analog; channel 983 digital

Adult Bible Study and Sunday School (K4-8th)

Sunday mornings 9:15-10:15

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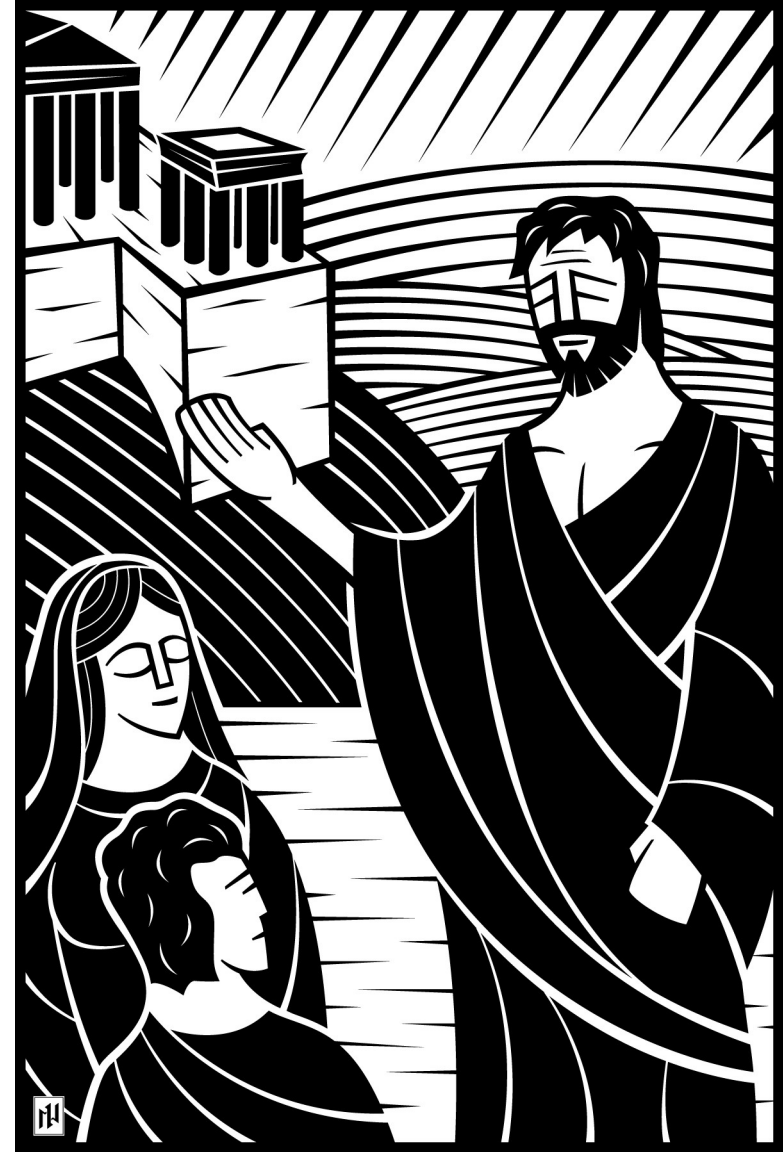
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Easter Declarations:
Because I Live, You Also Will Live

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We love that you are here today! For your convenience, restrooms are located in the foyer by the library. There is a cry room in the back of the sanctuary.

TODAY'S FOCUS

Christ is risen! The Scripture readings throughout the Easter season reflect this reality in which the New Testament Church lives and thrives. Today, we hear Jesus' declaration in the gospel lesson, "Because I live, you also will live." Peter urges us always to be prepared to give an answer for the hope that we have. Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to equip us do to just that. In the Acts 17 reading, we hear Paul giving an answer to the men of Athens who inquired about the hope of the resurrection.

Today's flowers are given to God's glory by Harold & Irene Christian in celebration of their 64th anniversary.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Service of the Word and Sacrament **pg. 26** in the red hymnal

Hymns

- Opening Hymn **141 (v. 1-4)** *At the Lamb's High Feast*
- Hymn of the Day **737** *God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It (insert)*
- Communion Hymns **145** *Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won*
344 *At the Name of Jesus*
568 *Good News of God Above*
- Closing Hymn **141 (v.5)** *At the Lamb's High Feast*

Scripture Lessons

- First Lesson **Acts 17: 22-31** (pew Bible, pg. 1724)
- Psalm of the Day **Psalm 45** (p. 83 in hymnal)
- Second Lesson **1 Peter 3:15-22** (pew Bible, pg. 1890)
- Gospel Lesson **John 14:15-21** (pew Bible, pg. 1676)

Sermon **John 14:15-21** *"Everything will be OK!"*

PLEASE RESPECT OUR PRACTICE OF "CLOSE COMMUNION"

Christ says the Sacrament is an expression of unity (1Co 10:14-15). We WANT to be unified with you on the basis of Christ and His doctrine! Honesty compels us to ask you to WAIT before communing with us: 1) until you've had a chance to find out what we teach; 2) until you make your unity with us evident by membership at Peace. Regular classes are conducted for this purpose (837-5346). WELS & ELS guests, please sign a "guest" card and give it to an usher before communing. Thank you.

CHRIST'S DESCENT INTO HELL

Today we hear one of the two Bible passages that speak of Christ's descent into hell. Why did Christ descend into hell? 1 Peter 3 states that after he was made alive by the Spirit he *went and preached to the spirits in prison*. The only prison that can hold spirits is hell. Why would Christ preach to the spirits in hell? Colossians 2:15 tells us He *triumphed over them by the cross*. Christ's purpose in descending into hell was to demonstrate His victory over hell and its powers. If Christ is victorious over hell, so are all who trust in Christ.

OH CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

This song alludes to John the Baptist's words, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29). It is combined with a prayer that has been uttered virtually for as long as there have been believers: Lord, have mercy on us! (Luke 18:13). Notice, we prayed, "Have mercy on us!" at the beginning of the service also. As we are about to receive Christ's body and blood in the Lord's Supper, this song brings us right to Golgotha, right to the atoning sacrifice of our Lord, the Lamb from God: Lord, give us the forgiveness you earned for us by your death!"

Josh Zarling will conclude the study of the Nicene creed between services today.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

- Presiding** Rev. Luke C. Werre
- Preaching** Rev. Jacob J. Scott, Zion Lutheran Church, Leeds
- Worship Coordinator** Mrs. Kristin Huebner
- Organ** Mrs. Lisa Schoenherr
- Altar Assistance** (8:00) Ben Runke; (10:30) Nick Fritz
- Ushers....** Team #2 8:00—Jeff Weber(captain) 10:30—Mark Blahnik(captain)
Monday Night—Craig McDowell Next Monday— Bruce Miller
- Next Week's Ushers** Team #3- Captains: Jim Meyer; Steve Dobbratz