

Welcome to Peace!

We are glad that you are here as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ! If you have not already done so, we ask that you sign the Guest Book at the entrance to the church. Contact information can be written in the Fellowship Book located in the aisle side of each pew. If you do not have a church home and are interested in becoming a member here at Peace, please contact an Elder.

The Lord's Supper is a Gift . . . and as with all our Lord's gifts, we desire to give and receive them as He intends. The Lord's Supper is for our benefit, but it can be received unworthily. *"Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord"* (1 Corinthians 11:27). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord, and in love for you, Peace follows the practice of closed communion. If you are a fellow LCMS member, please let an Elder know beforehand!

All Guests should visit with any of our Elders before coming to the Altar to receive the Lord's Supper. If you do not have opportunity to visit with an Elder prior to the service check with our Head Elder, Roger Buck, during the week, see bottom of page for contact information.

The Divine Service utilizes beautiful Liturgies and Hymns that the Christian Church has passed down for generations, all the while retelling the story of salvation and enacting the work of Christ among us. This bulletin contains an outline to assist you in locating the various parts of the service within our Hymnal. The inserts have the Scriptures & Propers for the Day, as well as Notes about this particular Sunday or Festival of the church year. May God strengthen you today with His Word and Sacrament!

Prayers of the Church

Mourning + Family of Jean Thom + Family of Ronald Haubold + Family of Steven R. Sale + Family of Alan J. Fredricks + Family of Kenneth Bohlen **Hospice, Surgery, or Hospitalization** + Clarence Staub + Deb Johnson + Al Kress **Health Issues** + Diana Dieken + Lisa Novak + Peggy Saddler + Lindsay Brettman + Margret Herbert + Randy Russell **Cancer** + Maria Gomez + Merna Urwin + Kent Cohagan + Barbara Classan + Andy Jacques + Ed Elshof + Marilyn Houston **Military** + Tyler Mars + Ross Peters + Gary Thompson

In His Service

Presiding Minister: Rev. John Schmidt

Organist: Dr. Phil Hesterman Cantor: Mr. David Witt A/V: Tim Yurk

Altar Guild: Apr. Tonda W., Jackie R. May Dianne B., Kathy H.

Ushers: Apr. Craig Weseman May Dale Bauman

Elders: 4/28 Roger B. 308-390-3484 5/05 Dale G. 308-641-6658

Bus Drivers: 4/28 Mike N. 402-469-4838 5/05 Gary O. 402-469-9797

For emergencies during the Vacancy please contact Head Elder, Roger Buck at 308-390-3484 or email at personemlz@charter.net.

Gifts of Time and Treasure

<u>Last Week's Attendance</u>	132
<u>Last Week's Offering</u>	\$ 5,110.01
<u>Weekly Need</u>	\$ 3,498.11
<u>OTD II Capital Campaign</u>	<i>Remaining Loan Balance as of 1/31/2019</i> \$ 110,817.67

For more Financial Information see monthly newsletter.

A complete accounting of all financials are provided at each Quarterly Voters' Meeting. Questions? Contact our Bookkeeper, Mrs. Jan Hinze jan@balancedbooksllc.com

The Lord's Week

Sunday, April 28th	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Voters' Quarterly Meeting
Tuesday, April 30th	9:30am	Bible Study
Thursday, May 2nd	1:30pm	L.W.M.L.
	7:00pm	Board-Trustees
Friday, May 3rd	5pm-9pm	Fellowship Hall Reserved: Russell
Saturday, May 4th	8am-8pm	Reserved Fellowship Hall-Graduation
Sunday, May 5th	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Sunday School(Last Class) & Bible Study

Office Hours: 9:00am-12:00pm and 1:00-4:00pm, Monday through Friday. The office may be closed on occasion due to holidays/errands. Secretary Mrs. Jeri Dush, ph. 402-462-9023 or peacelutheranhastings@gmail.com

The Wounds of Christ Give Us Life

"For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood" (1 John 5:7). These three point to Christ and flow from Christ. Jesus shows His disciples His hands side, from which blood and water flowed, saying *"Peace be with you."* He presents the wounds which turn our fear to gladness and which restore us to the Father. Jesus breathes on His disciples and says, *"Receive the Holy Spirit"* (John 20:23). His breath, His words are Spirit and life. They raise up our dry, dead bones and give us new and everlasting life (Ezek. 37:1-14). Christ now gives His ministers to speak His forgiving, Spirit-filled words to the penitent in His stead. Our Lord continues to come to His people, presenting His wounds to us in the Sacraments of water and blood. He bids us to touch His side at His table, to receive His risen body and blood in true faith, that believing we may have life in His name.



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News and Notes of Interest

Please use new Narthex to enter and exit the Sanctuary!

Divine Service: Sunday, Divine Service 9:00 A.M. followed by coffee and dessert time at 10:15 A.M. Sunday School and Bible Study will follow beginning at 10:30 A.M. Elders

SUNDAY SCHOOL May the Lord richly bless all parents, youth, children, teachers and volunteers as we gather around God's Word, That we may grow together in fear and love of our Lord.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: 5/01 Judy Jacobs, Justin Ham
5/03 Jerammie Uecker

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES: 5/01 John Martinez, Leila Martinez, Maria Martinez 5/04 Marian Kerr

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: 4/28 Andre & Elaine Reiners

HIGHER THINGS DEVOTIONS & PORTALS OF PRAYER available in the Narthex April 21 - June 8, 2019. Please check in this weeks bulletin for Bulletin Study Notes for the Christian Layperson.

MEN'S STEAK NIGHT: Monday, May 6, Sign-up Sheet - Narthex Table. Then we break for Summer Months - June, July, August. Early sign-up appreciated by the cooks!

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER: Thursday, May 2nd, Guides available on the table in Narthex, offer prayers through your daily travels. Thanks for taking time to pray, Joan Primrose

WELCOME Members of Peace & Guests: Saturday, May 4th 5:00-8:00pm, Come help Haidyn Russell Celebrate Graduation Party 2019, Peace Fellowship Hall. Russell Family

GOSNELL MOVIE: If you have the Gosnell movie in your possession, will you please return it to Joan Primrose or the Church Office? We have others that would like to see it, but don't know where it is. Many thanks.

CUSTODIAN: To clean Peace Lutheran Church. Please call Secretary 402-462-9023 or ask any Trustee for Job Description. Submit bid for monthly costs in sealed envelope by mail or in person to Secretary to be opened on May 2, 2019.

LIFEQUOTE "Death is the enemy of the human race—an enemy no one can fight or avoid forever. But God has done a new thing—He has raised Jesus Christ from the dead, never to die again. What other god has done anything like that in all the stories and fables? But wait, there's more. What god has ever promised to share everlasting life with everyone who trusts in him? Only the true God. Only Jesus." *Daily Devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org

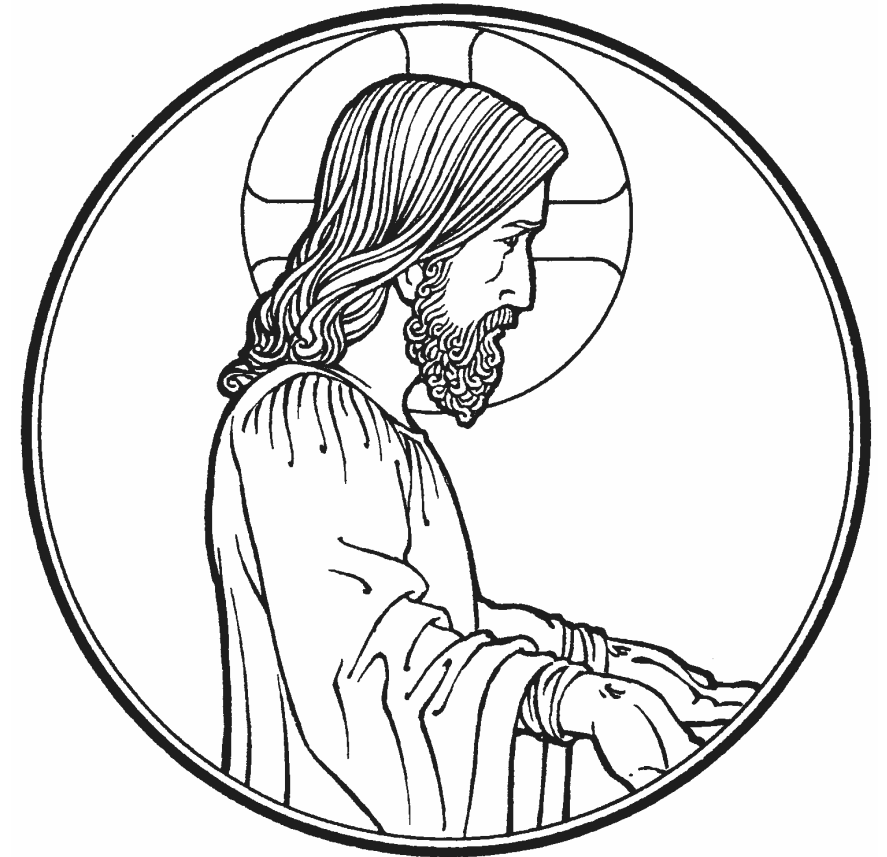
PREMIER CONFERENCE FOR LUTHERAN LAITY... You're invited to attend the Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference Friday, June 7 and Saturday, June 8 at Concordia University Chicago. Topics include: Why the Public Square Needs Christianity, Joyfully Lutheran, The Lord's Supper, The Hippocratic Oath and more. Speakers include: Matt Harrison, Ross Douthat, Hans Fiene, Wesley Smith, Will Weedon and others. Registration is \$125 and includes three meals. For more information, visit www.issuesetc.org or call (618) 223-8385.

LCMS Easter 2 (Quasimodo Geniti)

John 20:19 - "On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' " Fear is the opposite of faith; that is the cringing fear we have in the face of something that is hostile to us and more powerful than we are. Jesus spends a lot of His time telling the disciples to not be afraid. Our fears constantly hem us in and prevent us from following the Lord's will. But there is no need to fear. Jesus has conquered. No fear can keep us locked up. We have been set free by Jesus for lives that declare His marvelous deeds.

Second Sunday of Easter
Quasimodo Geniti

April 28th
9:00am



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Quasimodo Geniti

28 April 2019 Anno Domini

INTROIT

Ps. 81:1, 7a, 10, 16b; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2a



*Like newborn infants, Alle- / luia, **

long for the pure spiritual milk of the Word. Alle- / luia.

Sing aloud to | God our strength;*

shout for joy to the God of | Jacob!

*In distress you called, and I de- / livered you;**

I answered you in the secret place of / thunder.

I am the | LORD your God,*

who brought you up out of the land of | Egypt.

*Open your mouth wide, and I will | fill it;**

and with honey from the rock I would sat- / isfy you.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

*as it was in the be- / ginning,**

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

*Like newborn infants, Alle- / luia,**

long for the pure spiritual milk of the Word. Alle- / luia.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

VERSE

Matt. 28:7b; John 20:26a,c

Alleluia. He has risen from the dead, and behold, He is going before you to Galilee. Alleluia. Eight days later Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Alleluia.

Old Testament: Ezekiel 37:1-14

"The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. 'And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. 'And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." 'Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. 'Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. 'And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD." 'So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. 'And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. 'Then he said to me; "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.'" 'So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. 'Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' 'Therefore prophecy, and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. 'And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. 'And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

Epistle: 1 John 5:4-10

"For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. "Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?"

"This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. 'For there are three that testify: 'the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. 'If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. "Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.

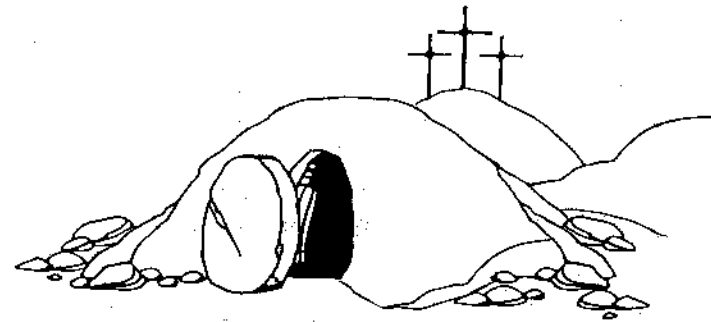
Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31

"On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." "When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. "Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." "And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. "If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld." "Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. "So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." "Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." "Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." "Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" "Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." "Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; "but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

- Jesus continues to appear to the disciples on Sunday, the eighth day. This is the third time that Jesus declares His Peace which the world cannot give to them (See John 14:27-31). This peace is not external, temporal, or political, but it is eternal reconciliation with God.
- Thomas confesses the same words of John 1:1.
- "...God so arranged it that Thomas was not present, so that Thomas' unbelief might benefit us. . . . By his refusal to believe without seeing and feeling, Thomas laid such a foundation for the article of Christ's resurrection that we can have no more doubt about it" (Johann Spangenberg, *The Christian Year of Grace*, 170).
- "[Jesus] showed His own hands, feet, and sides, as if to say, 'Here behold the wounds and scars that I received when I fought for you. By these learn of My great love which I have had toward you in that I gave life and limb for you, and for your sake overcame the devil, harrowed hell, slew death, and blotted out sin, and will now be gracious and merciful to you'" (Johann Spangenberg, *The Christian Year of Grace*, 171).

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

- "Signs" (Greek: *semeia*) — This is more than a miracle; it reveals God's mind and work (John 10:38). This is used 17 times in John.
- The Scriptures were written to give the hearer faith, which only comes through the Word of God (Romans 10:17). Faith is the gift and work of God (Ephesians 2:8-9). Faith confesses that Jesus is "My Lord and my God," as Thomas confessed. Without this confession no one can be saved (Romans 10:9-10).



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER QUASIMODO GENITI

Study Notes for the Christian Layperson

by: Rev. Roberto E. Rojas, Jr.

Collect of the Day:

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Introit:

Psalm 81:1, 7a, 10, 16b; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2a — *The Spiritual milk of the Word*

Psalm:

Psalm 33 (antiphon: v. 6) — *The steadfast love of the LORD*

Old Testament Reading:

Ezekiel 37:1-14 — *The valley of dry bones*

Gradual:

(During the celebration of Easter and Pentecost, the Gradual is omitted and the verse is expanded.)

Epistle:

1 John 5:4-10 — *Overcoming the world*

Verse:

Matthew 28:7b; John 20:26a, c — *He has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee. Alleluia. Eight days later Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."*



John 20:19-31 ESV

Author and Date:

The Holy Spirit caused the words of this Gospel to be written by John the Apostle around AD 90. This text is the historical account of Jesus' appearance to the disciples after His physical crucifixion and resurrection.

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

- "The first day of the week"—Jesus appears to the disciples on Sunday evening, one week after His resurrection.
- The doors were locked because the disciples were afraid that they would be arrested for supporting Jesus against the authority of Rome. Yet Jesus manifests Himself in the flesh through locked doors by the power of His divinity.
- Jesus proves beyond a shadow of a doubt that He is the risen Lord. "[T]he very same Christ who was born of Mary and who was nailed to the cross truly rose again. It was He and no other, as He showed His disciples the scars in His hands and His side" (*Luther's Works* 28:150).

²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.

- "Breathed on them"—Jesus delivers the Holy Spirit by breathing (Greek: *pneuma*) and speaking to them. The Holy Spirit proceeds not only from the Father, but also from the Son.
- Christ gives institutes the Office of the Holy Ministry and gives the authority to forgive sins (See Matthew 18 and the 5th Petition of the Lord's Prayer).
- "Why does Christ attach to the ministry the name keys of the kingdom of heaven? To indicate that the preaching of the Word is not a vain and useless babbling of words, but that the Holy Spirit is present in this ministry, is efficacious through it, and wants, by this means as with a kind of keys, the kingdom of heaven to be unlocked and many to be brought into it. Therefore, ministers of the Word should, by this term, since they hear that the keys of the kingdom of heaven have been given and entrusted to them, bestir themselves to speak of the doctrine of sin, repentance, faith,

forgiveness of sins, new obedience, etc., not coldly and lightly, nor only in general or superficially, as a story, but set it forth and apply it to their hearers faithfully and diligently, sure that the Holy Spirit wants to kindle, increase, strengthen, and preserve repentance, faith, and new obedience in the hearts of their hearers through this their ministry. . . . Similarly the name keys should admonish the hearers not to despise the Word and ministry and regard it as a vain sound of words by which only the ears are struck, but that they might know and be firmly persuaded that if they want to enter the kingdom of heaven, the approach and entrance is not given and granted to them except through these keys. . . . [L]et them not think that they are only words, and that of a man; but let them consider and firmly believe that it is the voice of the Holy Spirit Himself, bringing comfort to our hearts through this means, and that whatever is loosed on earth in that way is loosed and forgiven in heaven by God Himself, because it is done through the keys and the kingdom of heaven." (Martin Chemnitz, *Enchiridion*, paragraph 283).

²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

- Thomas didn't accept the testimony of the other disciples; rather he remained skeptical and demanded proof of Jesus' physical resurrection.
- "This account is helpful for unseasoned Christians who are still weak in faith, who never seem able to trust in God, and do not know how to get faith, and in whom there is no end of vacillation and doubt. These people are presented with a comforting example here in Thomas, who was deeply immersed in these thoughts of unbelief, and who took a great deal of effort before he was confirmed in faith" (Johann Spangenberg, *The Christian Year of Grace*, 170).

²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."