



## PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.; Sunday: 8:00, 9:20, & 10:30 a.m.

The Rev. Dr. Jon C. Furgeson, Senior Pastor, 314-601-1039

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# THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## MAY 7, 2023

### THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### Divine Service, Setting Three

CHRIST'S BODY AND BLOOD, for the forgiveness of sins, are truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine in the Sacrament of the Altar. Due to theological differences among Christians regarding beliefs about this Supper, only confirmed members of an LCMS church are invited to the Lord's table. Ask a pastor if you have questions or concerns. Please register your taking of communion on your attendance card.

**P** = Pastor

\* = Stand

**C** = Congregation

**Opening Voluntary** (8:00 and 10:30)

*Joyous Spirit*

Valerie Stephenson

**\*Opening Hymn**

**LSB 912 Christ Is Our Cornerstone**



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build;  
2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im - plore,  
△ 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring;



With His true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are filled. On His  
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more Un - til  
Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus



great love Our hopes we place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.  
that day When all the blest To end - less rest Are called a - way.  
pro - claim In joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.

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

**\*Invocation**

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



**C** A \_\_\_\_\_ men

## \*Opening Sentences

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**P** Christ is our cornerstone;  
**C** On Him alone we build.

**P** In Him we are a newborn, chosen, priestly people.  
**C** We are called to proclaim His excellencies to the world.

## \*Confession and Absolution

**P** Though Christ is our cornerstone and has changed our identity to be His chosen people, we often build upon things other than Jesus. Such building crumbles to the ground, for unless we build on Christ, we labor in vain. Still, our heavenly Father is merciful, and He invites us to draw near to His throne in confidence to ask for forgiveness.

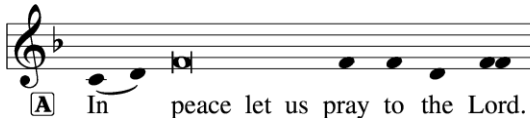
*Silence for reflection.*

**P** Heavenly Father,  
**C** Though we are Your chosen people, we have acted in accordance with the world rather than Your Word. We have proclaimed hatred and violence rather than Your excellencies. Forgive us, renew us, and restore us as Your newborn, chosen, priestly people, on account of Jesus. Amen.

**P** Though Jesus Christ was rejected and killed, God raised Him from the dead, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen. We are forgiven. We are a newborn, chosen, priestly people.

## \*Kyrie





**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



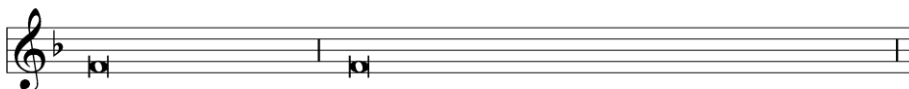
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



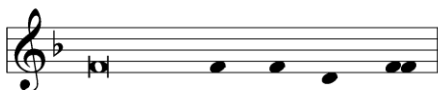
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



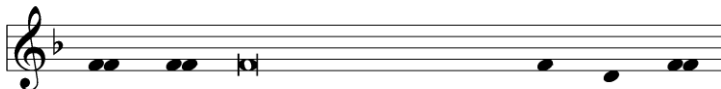
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## \*Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray. . .



**C** A - men.

## First Reading

*Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60*

<sup>1</sup>Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. <sup>2</sup>And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. <sup>3</sup>Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. <sup>4</sup>But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” <sup>5</sup>And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup>These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

<sup>7</sup>And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

<sup>8</sup>And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup>Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. . . .

<sup>2</sup>And Stephen said: “Brothers and fathers, hear me. . . .

<sup>51</sup>You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. <sup>52</sup>Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, <sup>53</sup>you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.”

<sup>54</sup>Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup>But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” <sup>57</sup>But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. <sup>58</sup>Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man

named Saul. <sup>59</sup>And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup>And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*1 Peter 2:2–10*

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— <sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup>you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

<sup>6</sup>For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>7</sup>So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” <sup>8</sup>and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## \*Alleluia



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## \*Holy Gospel

*John 14:1–14*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to where

I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup>“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

#### \*Nicene Creed

**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  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.

# Hymn of The Day

## LSB 645 Built on the Rock



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when  
 2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most  
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His  
 4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how  
 5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the



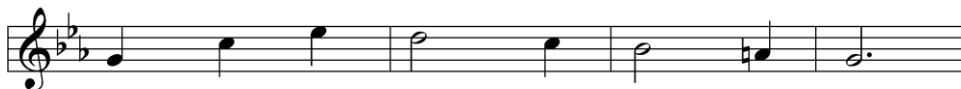
stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in  
 High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His  
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal  
 God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's  
 church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -  
 tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -  
 grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -  
 sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives  
 faith may come Where Christ His mes - sage is bring -



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,  
 ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove  
 tion. Were we but two His name to tell,  
 us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim  
 ing: "I know My own; My own know Me.



But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,  
 Choos - es to live with us in love,  
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell  
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,  
 You, not the world, My face shall see.



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.  
 Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.  
 With all His grace and His fa - vor.  
 And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.  
 My peace I leave with you. A - men."

## Sermon Notes:

**Gathering of the Offering**     *Please fill out an attendance card and place in the offering plate*

**Anthem** (8:00 and 10:30)

*Abide With Me*

EVENTIDE/Susan E. Geschke

**\*Offertory**



□ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

**\*Prayer of the Church**

**\*Lord's Prayer**

□ 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.

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

## \*Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

## \*Proper Preface

**P** We should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## \*Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,

bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

### \*The Words of Our Lord

### \*Pax Domini

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

**A** - men.

### \*Agnus Dei

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

### Distribution Anthem (8:00 and 10:30)

*Kyrie*

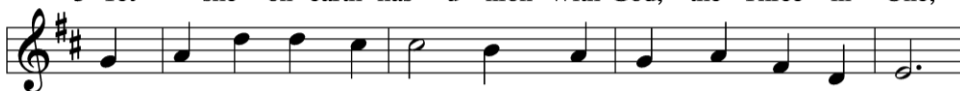
Cathy Moglebust

## Distribution Hymn

## LSB 644 The Church's One Foundation



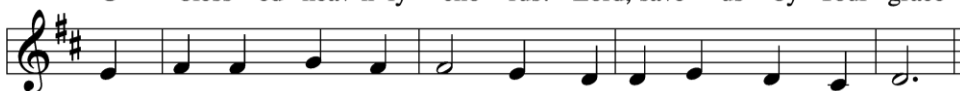
1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,  
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war  
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.  
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
 By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more  
 And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;  
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 O bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.  
 And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.  
 And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.  
 That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

## Distribution Hymn

## LSB 575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'  
 2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on  
 3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me  
 4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my  
 His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and  
 in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly  
 then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

*Refrain*



On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

## Distribution Hymn

## LSB 527 O Savior, Precious Savior



1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, Whom yet un - seen we love;  
2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, Who won - drous - ly hast wrought  
3 In Thee all full - ness dwell - eth, All grace and pow'r di - vine;  
4 O grant the con - sum - ma - tion Of this our song a - bove



O name of might and fa - vor, All oth - er names a - bove,  
Thy - self the rev - e - la - tion Of love be - yond our thought,  
The glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is Thine.  
In end - less ad - o - ra - tion And ev - er - last - ing love;




We wor-ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We wor-ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We wor-ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
Then shall we praise and bless Thee Where per - fect prais - es ring,



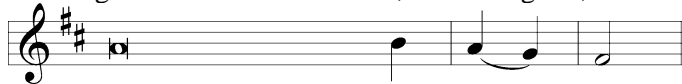
We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our ho - ly Lord and King.  
We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our gra - cious Lord and King.  
We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our glo - rious Lord and King.  
And ev - er - more con - fess Thee, Our Sav - ior and our King!

## \*Nunc Dimittis




**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-  
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## \*Thanksgiving

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
  
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**P** Let us pray. . .  
  
**C** A - men.

**P** The Lord be with you.  
  
**C** And with thy spir - it.

### \*Benedicamus

**P** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

### \*Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

### \*Hymn to Depart

### LSB 919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, A - mong us with Your grace

6 A - bide, O faith - ful Sav - ior, A - mong us with Your love;



That Sa - tan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.

Grant stead-fast-ness and help us To reach our home a - bove.

### \*Silent Prayer

### Closing Voluntary (8:00 and 10:30)

*A Song of Gladness*

Cynthia Dobrinski

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## SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP:

Preacher: Pastor Robert Brown

Liturgist: 5:00, 8:00, 10:30: Pastor Jon Furgeson; 9:20: Sem. James Burke

Organist: 5:00: Alice Kastens; 8:00, 9:20, & 10:30: Burnell Hackman

Choir: Bells of Peace

Choir Dir: Burnell Hackman, DMM

KFUO AM 850 Announcer/Audio Engineer/Video Engineer: K. Hopfer/B. Dressel/B. Hentchel

Elders: 5:00: John Rastorfer, Greg Wirtel; 8:00: Mark Maloy, John Roesch;

9:20: Steve Shawcross, Bob Uthoff; 10:30: Rob Uthoff, Ken Werkmeister

Ushers: 5:00: Bill Petrovic, Kevin Beutelmann, Don Hopkins, Gary Stinnett;

8:00: Joe Sneed, Jon Caron, Dave Dippold, Joe Doskal, Tyler Rainey, Todd Tanner;

9:20: John Roesch, Owen Bullard, Joe Roesch, Bill Schlegel, Ed Stackle;

10:30: Mike Murphy, Caleb Mirly, Lynn Oster, Roger Rakers, Matt Thiel,

Bob Uthoff, Rob Uthoff, Ken Werkmeister

Acolytes: 8:00: Holly Powell; 10:30: Paige Keiser, Lucie Wildman

Greeters: 8:00: Carol Gibbons; 9:20: Bruce & Jane Herzog; 10:30: Scott & Lisa Saberton

Altar Committee: Tammy Goodman, Tracey Roesch

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023**

TOWN HALL MEETINGS to discuss “Updates to our Governance Model” conclude this morning with a Q&A session at 9:15 a.m. with Adult Bible Class in Sanctuary Hall. See the May newsletter for more details.

VOTERS’ ASSEMBLY TOMORROW EVENING, Monday, May 8, 7:00 p.m. in Sanctuary Hall.

LWML LADIES GUILD RADA CUTLERY SALE THIS MORNING in the Commons Conference room, before and after all services. Please visit their fundraiser, as they have brought back our Rada Cutlery items. Come and see what the favorites are!

THE PEACE LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER IS ONLINE Beginning with the May 2023 issue of our newsletter, The Peace Lutheran, we will be posting our monthly newsletter online. The newsletter can be found by clicking on “Resources” on the top menu bar and then clicking on “The Peace Lutheran Newsletter” from the dropdown menu. A printed copy of the newsletter will continue to be placed in your mailbox every month.

BAPTISM CLASS OFFERED IN MAY If you are planning to have your baby/child baptized, we are offering a one-time class for parents and/or caregivers. This class will cover the basics of baptism, along with the logistics of baptisms at Peace. The class will be offered on Sunday, May 21, from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the Commons Conference Room. To register, go online to our Peace website, [www.peacelutheranstl.org](http://www.peacelutheranstl.org).

NEW MEMBER CLASSES begin Sunday, May 21. This six-week class is held in Sanctuary Hall from noon to 1:30 p.m. A light lunch is provided each week. Please sign up by May 19, either on our website, or the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board across from the gym.

LIFE MINISTRY BOOK CLUB will resume meeting next Sunday, May 14, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Commons Conference room. The book to be discussed *Letter to the American Church* by Eric Metaxas. For additional information, contact Steve Andrews.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION is underway. The link to sign up can be found on the Peace website. Register your children, grandchildren, and invite your neighbors and friends. Sign up will continue until May 28. We appreciate all of the volunteers who have already signed up. One area still in need of help is our audio/visual team. If you could help with the audio/visual needs for VBS that week, or even just a couple of the days, please talk to Christina Stackle or Alan Hopfer. We hope you can join us for a “Stellar” VBS this summer, June 26-30!

CANDIDATE OF THEOLOGY PLACEMENTS were announced recently at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne: Zachary Kreidler will be serving his vicarage at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Gresham, Oregon; Jonathan Zoch will be serving his vicarage at St. Mark Lutheran Church, Houston, Texas; James Burke has been called to serve as pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Clifton, Texas.

GREEN PARK IS SEEKING CANDIDATES FOR A TEACHING POSITION in 1<sup>st</sup> grade for the 2023-2024 school year, as well as a part-time aide in Junior Kindergarten. Individuals possessing a love for children and Lutheran Education, strong decision-making and leadership skills, and team building experience will be considered. Please submit any names to Ken Werkmeister at [ken.werkmeister@greenparklutheralschool.org](mailto:ken.werkmeister@greenparklutheralschool.org), or call the school at 314-544-4248.

ASCENSION DAY SERVICE is Thursday, May 18, at 7:00 p.m. Holy Communion will be served.

USHERS NEEDED We are looking for men who are willing to serve on an usher team. You will typically serve only one Saturday/Sunday per month with the exception of months with special services (e.g., Lent, Advent, Christmas, etc.) A signup sheet is on the Commons counter. Please contact Barry Hammon at [barry.hammon@wwt.com](mailto:barry.hammon@wwt.com) if you have any questions.

6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CONFIRMATION MEETING – MAY 15 As we adjust the scope of our Confirmation program, one change is that all sixth graders, whether at Green Park or another school, are expected to participate in Peace’s Confirmation program. This is a theological decision that aligns better with the purpose of partnering with our families to help their youth begin to learn what it means to be a Christian adult. Parents, please plan on attending this important meeting Monday, May 15, at 6:30 p.m., in Sanctuary Hall. The meeting will be led by both Pastors, and our DCE, Christina Stackle. We will shed further light on the reasons for this change, other changes to the program, and what, God-willing, we will gain from this shift. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

WE ARE READY TO PRINT PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES for those who would like one. Request forms are available on the commons counter. Please fill out the form and place it in the wooden collection box by the commons conference room. If you would like to help offset the cost of printing the directory, please attach \$5.00 to the form. You will be notified when your copy is ready for pickup. For those who have not yet uploaded their photo to the directory, you can still do so. It is never too late! Also, the online app is always available to see the photos of our Peace family. If you have questions, or need help uploading a photo, please contact Sara Hopfer.

SURVIVING SPOUSES BREAKFAST meets this Thursday, May 11, 9:00 a.m. at Denny's on Lindbergh Road. We hope to see you then!

INTERGENERATIONAL HANDBELL CAMP! Students in Grade 4 through Great-Grandparents are invited to take part in an Intergenerational Handbell Camp at Peace during the week of June 12-15. The group will rehearse Monday through Thursday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. each evening, and play for the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service on Sunday, June 18. Students, young adults, parents, grandparents, and great-grandparent are invited to participate! To register please visit [www.peacestlmusic.org/bells-of-peace/](http://www.peacestlmusic.org/bells-of-peace/). For more information, please contact Burnell Hackman in the church office.

ENCOURAGEMENT CARDS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS ARE BACK Manilla envelopes are in a basket on the Commons counter for our homebound members. We have provided a card with a pre-addressed, stamped envelope in each of the manilla envelopes. Please use the card to add a nice note for the church member and sign the card. Mail the card and touch the heart of a new friend. We will continue to put these together for the congregation to mail out as long as the congregation is willing to participate. Thank you. —Life Ministry Team

LADIES CLUB join us on Tuesday, May 16, at 7:00 p.m. in Sanctuary Hall for Game Night. Ladies Club is open to all women age 18 and over.

Join Us!!



*Celebrate Summer*

COME EARLY AND  
ENJOY FREE FOOD  
AND GAMES!

**BAND CONCERT**  
**Saturday, May 27**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**West Parking Lot**

This is our annual concert and is always a fun way to kick off the summer season!