



May 8, 2022  
The Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Peace Lutheran Church of Plymouth  
*Paul and Silas*

## GATHER

PRELUDE

*Two Violin Concerto in D Minor*

J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

ONE: In the name of the Father,  
and of the ☩ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**MANY: AMEN**

ONE: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**MANY: AMEN**

ONE: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*silence for reflection*

ONE: Most merciful God,

**MANY: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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**

ONE: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**MANY: AMEN**

## +PRAYER OF THE DAY

ONE: O God of grace and love, Paul and Silas worshiped you, even when they were flogged and imprisoned. Transform our hearts so that we may also rejoice in you at all times and in all situations. Amen.

**MANY: AMEN**

## WORD

### SCRIPTURE

Acts 16: 16-34

<sup>16</sup> One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup> While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you<sup>[a]</sup> a way of salvation.” <sup>18</sup> She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.

<sup>19</sup> But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. <sup>20</sup> When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews <sup>21</sup> and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” <sup>22</sup> The crowd joined in attacking them and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup> After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup> Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

<sup>25</sup> About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup> Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. <sup>27</sup> When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup> But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” <sup>29</sup> The jailer<sup>[b]</sup> called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup> Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” <sup>31</sup> They answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” <sup>32</sup> They spoke the word of the Lord<sup>[c]</sup> to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup> At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup> He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

ONE: Holy wisdom, holy word.

**MANY: Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

Rev. Paul Lutter

## +PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ONE: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*Silence*

ONE: Mothering God, we thank you for the ways you protected Paul and Silas while they were in prison. Protect, save, and care for us, O God, when we are imprisoned by what lies before us and threatens our well-being, and the well-being of all. Lord in your mercy,

**MANY: hear our prayer.**

ONE: Mysterious God, we are stunned and delighted by the ways you attend to us. Stir our hearts and minds, O Lord, so that what gets in our way to trust in you may fall away, and what remains are hearts, minds, hands, and lives opened by your love. Lord in your mercy,

**MANY: hear our prayer.**

ONE: Mighty and merciful God, in so many ways, and in so many places, we see injustice wreak havoc among us. Yet, O Lord, we cling to the promise of your presence, the promise of newness you give us through the death and resurrection of Jesus for us all, and the gifts you have given us to work alongside you, in justice and in love, for the good of the world around us. Lord in your mercy,

**MANY: hear our prayer.**

ONE: Compassionate God, look with favor on all who struggle with illness. Hold close those who care for those who are ill. Grant them your strength to cope with the challenges of each day. We name before you, aloud and in our hearts, those we know who are in need of your healing comfort.... Lord, in your mercy,

**MANY: hear our prayer.**

ONE: We pray for Peace Lutheran Church, for the mission and ministry you've given us. Be with us, O Lord, in ways we name before you silently or aloud...bring your healing and restore hope in their lives, and in the lives of all in this congregation and community. Lord, in your mercy,

**MANY: hear our prayer.**

ONE: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**MANY: AMEN**

## +SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**MANY: And also with you.**

ONE: Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

OFFERING

*Three Duets opus 22 for Two Cello*

Kummel

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

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ONE: Let us pray. God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life.

Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**MANY: AMEN**

+PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US

ONE: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us,

**MANY: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,**

**now and forever. AMEN**

SENDING

+SENDING HYMN

*I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light*

ELW 815

+BENEDICTION

ONE: Let us pray together the Prayer of Good Courage.

**MANY: O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown.**

**Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN**

+DISMISSAL

ONE: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**MANY: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

Setting Valerie Floeter

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ELW Setting 4

*Kyrie, Glory to God, Holy, Lamb of God*

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**Serving today:**

*Preacher*

Rev. Paul Lutter

*Organist & Pianist*

Anne Phillips

*Cantor*

Angela Akhigbe

*Musicians*

David Conrad, Sylvi & Sonja Leppa

*Lector*

Lisa Lukis

*Usher*

Don Davidson

*Greeters*

Betty Pederson

*Offering Counters*

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## WEEK OF MAY 8, 2022

### TODAY

**9am worship**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

*Families are encouraged to have their children in worship, but the nursery is available if needed. It will be open but not staffed; please plan to supervise your own children inside.*

### THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to David Conrad for playing the cello during worship today. David is a talented musician who has been playing the cello since childhood. David serves as an orchestra teacher at Hopkins High School and also teaches private music lessons. In his spare time, he makes guitars and violins by hand. Sonja Leppa takes cello lessons from David.

### JOURNEY TOGETHER

On Sunday, May 22, we begin **Journey Together** following worship. The event on May 22 is a kick-off event and is intergenerational. The themes we will explore over the year will include the Bible, Spirit, Disciples, Church, World, and then a Send-Off. Each of these themes will be broken down into two sessions. After the kickoff, each session will be a dinner event.

Here are the dates for **Journey Together** for this summer:

- **Sunday, May 22** after worship: Kick-Off
- **Wednesday, June 29**, 6 pm: The Bible = 66 books
- **Wednesday, July 27**, 6 pm: God's Word is for Everyone
- **Wednesday, August 31**, 6 pm: Five-a-Day to Grow God's Way

Following the kickoff, events will continue the last Wednesday of the month through the 2022-2023 year. Volunteers are needed to help in various ways: food planning, event leaders, musicians, supply organization, setup, and clean up. There are plans for an electronic sign-up for those interested in a chance to help with this fantastic event.

### HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

In celebration of Mother's Day and to honor all the moms. CYF (Children, Youth & Family) will be hosting **Punch & Popcorn** after worship **TODAY**. Stay and join the fun!

### WOMEN OF SONG CONCERTS

Peace member Videll Pfeifer is a member of this choir.

#### *Light of a Clear Blue Morning*

Saturday, May 14, 7 p.m.

7150 Rolling Acres Road

Victoria, MN 55331

Sunday, May 15, 2:30 p.m.

Annunciation Church

509 W. 54th St.

Minneapolis, MN 55419

### PEACEFUL NIGHTS PROGRAMMING

Dinner will be served from 5:30 - 6:00 pm. The menu on May 11 will be tater tot hotdish. **THIS WILL BE THE LAST NIGHT OF PROGRAMMING FOR THIS PROGRAM YEAR.**

**From April 20-May 11, here's what Wednesday nights will look like:**

SPRING 2022	Elementary	Pre-Confirmation	Confirmation	Adults
5:30-6:00pm	Dinner (Fellowship Hall)			
6:00pm	Music (Room 111/112)	CONNECT Lesson (Room 107/108)	Wholeheart Faith Book Study (Room 104)	Fellowship
6:30pm	Games (Fellowship Hall)			Bible Study (Fireside Room)
7:00-7:30pm	Youth Music* (Sanctuary)			Adult Choir (Sanctuary) Adult Bells (Bell Room)
7:45-8:45pm				