

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**FIRST READING:** *Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26*

**SECOND READING:** *1 John 5: 9-13*

**GOSPEL:** *John 17: 6-19*

## MESSAGE:

## SERMON HYMN

*“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”  
ELW #742*

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear--  
all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged--take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge--take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD: NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God.  
Your mercy is great.

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

## OFFERING PRAYER

## HOLY COMMUNION

## LORD'S PRAYER

## BLESSING

## DISMISSAL

We are a Christ-centered community of believers called to  
**Love God, love people, and serve the world.**  
Go in Peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**



Peace Lutheran Church  
May 16, 2021  
8:00 am  
Seventh Sunday of Easter

**Broadcast on 95.9 FM**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

## WELCOME

GATHERING SONG      *"Drawn to the Light"*      *ELW #593*

**People who walk in darkness have sought  
a light in the heart of the darkest night.  
Just when we thought all would be lost,  
we were drawn to the light of God.**

*Refrain*

**Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night,  
drawn to the light and the morning.  
Glorious and bright, oh, what a sight  
to be drawn to the light of God.**

**How can we tell a heaven from hell  
if ev'ryone dwells in the dark of night?  
Morning dispels, gently compels,  
and we're drawn to the light of God. *Refrain***

**Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none!  
The Lamb is the one who is shining bright,  
bids us to come! Life has begun  
when we're drawn to the light of God. *Refrain***

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for  
the gift of baptism.