

The Third Sunday of Easter April 18, 2010

Welcome Visitors- We are happy to share the Word of our Lord with you. If you have questions, you may speak to the ushers or the pastor

Music and Meditation- We have reserved 15 minutes before the service for music and meditation. This is to help you prepare to worship.

Holy Communion- The Lord's Supper will be served in our service today. Following our Lord's will we ask that all who commune be members of congregations in doctrinal fellowship with our Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod. Guests are pleased asked to speak to the pastor before the service

Our Offering- Our guests are under no obligation to bring an offering.

Order of Service- Page 15 of Christian Worship

Hymns: 40 in Let All the People Praise You; 195; 317; 351

Prayer for the Day

O God, by the humiliation of Your Son You lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By His resurrection to life, grant Your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading: Acts 9:1-19a
The conversion of St Paul

The Psalm of the Day- Psalm 67, hymnal page 91

The Epistle Lesson- Revelation 5:11-14

Rev 5:11 Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders.

Rev 5:12 In a loud voice they sang:

“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!”

Rev 5:13 Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing:

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!”

Rev 5:14 The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshipped.

The Verse for the Day- Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Our hearts were burning within us when He talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us. Alleluia.

The Gospel Lesson- John 21:1-14

The resurrected Lord appears to His disciples at the Sea of Galilee

The Sermon Text: Revelation 5:11-17 (printed above).

The Sermon Theme- The Triumph of the Lamb

Announcements-

After the Service—

Coffee time

Sunday School 10:45.

Quarterly meeting at 10:45

Congregational potluck to follow

Youth Catechism instructions begin at 12:15

Thursday- Pastor in town.

Next Saturday- Men's Bible Study at 9 a.m.

Evangelism workers meet at 10:a.m. All interested in helping with our congregation's reaching out into the community are invited.

Sunday- Music and Meditation at 9:15
Worship service at 9:30
Sunday school and Bible class at 10:45.

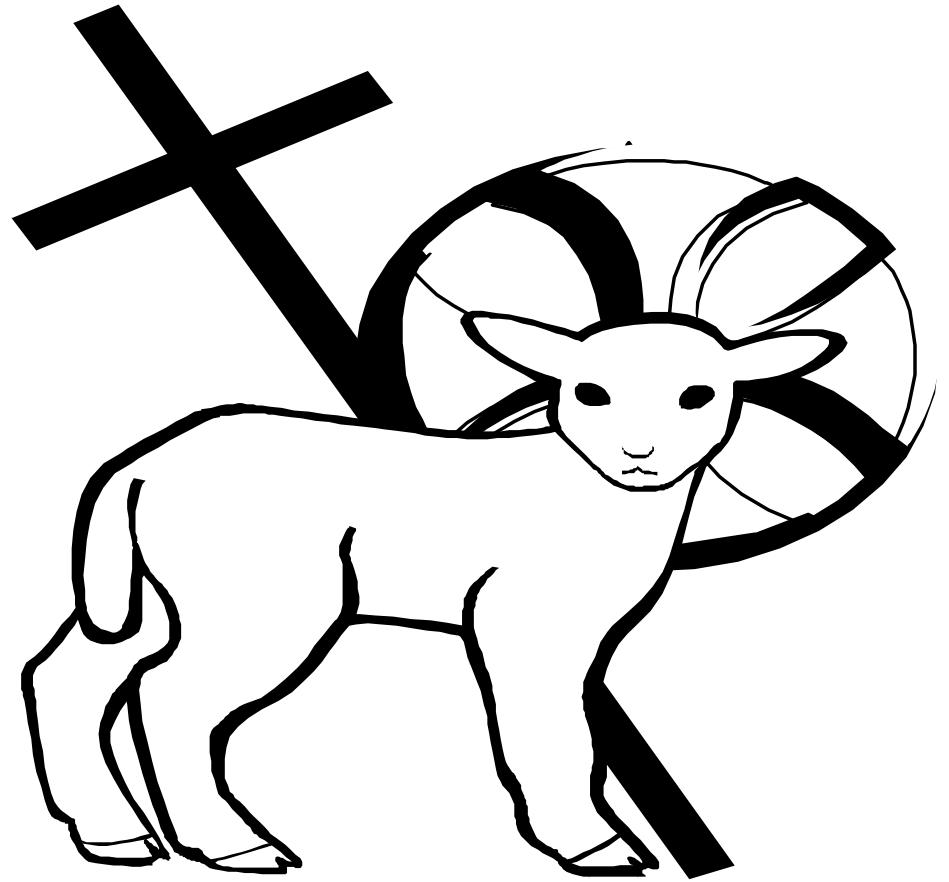
For Your Consideration- Following our quarterly meeting we will be preparing two important letters. We will be preparing a letter for District President Joel Frank describing the needs of our congregation. The second letter will be a packet that will be sent to our called pastor to help him become acquainted with Peace congregation and the Boulder area. Maps, pictures and the like would be helpful. If you have suggestions and if you have items for these letters, please give them to President Boniek or Pastor Ahlswede.

The Occasion and Purpose of the Book of Revelation

The book was written during a time of persecution. John himself was on Patmos "because of the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Rev. 1:19). Christians could expect to be cast into prison (2:10). A Christian by the name of Antipas had suffered a martyr's death (2:13). Others were being beheaded for their faith (6:9-11; 20:4).

Efforts were thus being made to destroy the Christian faith and to wipe out the Christian church. Under the inspiration of God, John wrote to comfort the infant church, to remind God's people that they could expect to experience such things and to assure the church of final victory. The book of Revelation might be viewed as a commentary on two Bible passages, namely, "We must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God" (Acts 14:22) and "The gates of hell shall not prevail against" the church (Mt. 16:18).

Memory verse: Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep (1 Cor. 15:20).



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