



Peace Lutheran

CHURCH



Peace @ Monroe

Sunday, May 2, 2021

We are committed to growing in Christ and bringing others to Him.



Little Doves Preschool

A Ministry of Peace Lutheran Church

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WELCOME

For now, please feel free to post your prayer requests and your greeting of peace and love in the comments under this video.

REVIEW

MEMORY VERSE

“Listen, Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. **Deuteronomy 6:4-5**

Pastor: We begin our time together in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

LOVE THE LORD

- 1) **Love the Lord your God with all your heart
With all your soul with all your mind
And with all your strength**

Chorus

**With all your heart with all your soul
With all your mind with all your strength
Love the Lord your God with all your heart
With all your soul with all your mind
And with all your strength**

CCLI Song # 4572938 - Lincoln Brewster - © 2005 Integrity's Praise! Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing (Integrity Music, David C Cook)) - For use solely with the SongSelect® [Terms of Use](http://www.ccli.com). All rights reserved. www.ccli.com - CCLI License # 342509

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS - *1 John 4:20; John 15:5*

Pastor: “If anyone says, ‘I love God,’ and hates his brother, he is a liar.”
Let us repent of our lost condition and seek refuge in the mercy of God.

People: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. Because of Christ forgive me for my selfishness and refusal to walk in love. Draw me to love You, not only for Your eternal gifts to me but because You are my God and my eternal King. Amen.

Pastor: Jesus says, “I am the vine; you are the branches.” Whoever abides by faith in Him receives forgiveness, life, and salvation. ...in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

GREETING OF THE PEACE

A greeting of peace may be exchanged by the congregation in accord with local custom.

While we cannot physically shake hands or hug, please send your greetings and peace to those you are worshipping with through a smile, wave or spoken greeting. If you are worshipping online, please put your greetings in the comments.

CHILDREN’S SONG: Fishers Of Men

- 1) **I will make you fishers of men / Fishers of men, fishers of men
I will make you fishers of men / If you follow Me**
- 2) **Hear Christ calling Come unto Me
Come unto Me, come unto Me
Hear Christ calling come unto Me / I will give you rest
I will give you rest I will give you rest
Hear Christ calling come unto Me / I will give you rest**

CCLI Song # 86126-Harry D. Clarke© 1927. Renewed 1955 Hope Publishing Company-For use solely with the SongSelect® [Terms of Use](#).
All rights reserved. www.ccli.com-CCLI License # 342509

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE:

FIRST LESSON: Acts 8:26–40

Reader: In this reading, God sends Philip, the evangelist, to meet an Ethiopian official and to share with him the Good News of Jesus! Through that official, the Gospel arrived in Africa. Once more we are reminded that God's Good News is for people from every nation.

²⁶ An angel of the Lord spoke to Philip: “Get up and go south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is the desert road.) ²⁷ So he got up and went. There was an Ethiopian man, a eunuch and high official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to worship in Jerusalem ²⁸ and was sitting in his chariot on his way home, reading the prophet Isaiah aloud.

²⁹The Spirit told Philip, “Go and join that chariot.” ³⁰When Philip ran up to it, he heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, “Do you understand what you’re reading?”

³¹“How can I,” he said, “unless someone guides me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the Scripture passage he was reading was this:

He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,
and as a lamb is silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who will describe his generation?
For his life is taken from the earth.

³⁴The eunuch said to Philip, “I ask you, who is the prophet saying this about—himself or someone else?” ³⁵Philip proceeded to tell him the good news about Jesus, beginning with that Scripture.

³⁶As they were traveling down the road, they came to some water. The eunuch said, “Look, there’s water. What would keep me from being baptized?” ³⁸So he ordered the chariot to stop, and both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him any longer but went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰Philip appeared in Azotus, and he was traveling and preaching the gospel in all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 150

Reader: This is the last song in the book of Psalms. It invites us to join all creation in praise to God with loud instruments. Let's praise God responsively.

People: ¹Hallelujah!

Reader: Praise God in his sanctuary.

People: Praise him in his mighty expanse.

Reader: ² Praise him for his powerful acts;
praise him for his abundant greatness.

People: ³ **Praise him with the blast of a ram's horn;**

Reader: praise him with harp and lyre.

People: ⁴ **Praise him with tambourine and dance;**

Reader: praise him with strings and flute.

People: ⁵ **Praise him with resounding cymbals;
praise him with clashing cymbals.**

Reader: ⁶ Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.

People: Hallelujah!

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE (Letter): *1 John 4:7-11*

Reader: In this reading, we will be reminded of the importance of love for the Christian. God loves us and so we love others. That is a good summary of the Christian way of life.

⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ The one who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his one and only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ Love consists in this: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, if God loved us in this way, we also must love one another.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: *John 15:1-8*

Reader: In today's Special Good News, Jesus says he is the vine. He is the source of all that is good in us. So we are called to stay connected to him through his word. Please listen to God's holy word.

15 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² Every branch in me that does not produce fruit he removes, and he prunes every branch that

produces fruit so that it will produce more fruit. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, and I in you. Just as a branch is unable to produce fruit by itself unless it remains on the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without me. ⁶ If anyone does not remain in me, he is thrown aside like a branch and he withers. They gather them, throw them into the fire, and they are burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you want and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this: that you produce much fruit and prove to be my disciples.

Reader: This is the Special Good News of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ!

I WILL FOLLOW

**Where You go I'll go / Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move / I will follow**

- 1) All Your ways are good / All Your ways are sure
I will trust in You alone / Higher than my sight
High above my life / I will trust in You alone**

Chorus

**Where You go I'll go / Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move / I will follow You
Whom You love I'll love / How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose / I will follow (You)
Yeah I will follow You yeah**

CCLI Song # 5806878 - Chris Tomlin | Jason Ingram | Reuben Morgan - © 2010 SHOUT! Music Publishing Australia (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) - sixsteps Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) - Vamos Publishing (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) - worshiptogether.com songs (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) - So Essential Tunes (Admin. by Essential Music Publishing LLC) - Spirit Nashville Three (Admin. by Essential Music Publishing LLC) - Spirit Nashville Three (Admin. by Spirit Music Group) - For use solely with the SongSelect® [Terms of Use](#). All rights reserved. www.ccli.com - CCLI License # 342509

MESSAGE: *Pastor Todd Roeske*

EASTER CONFESSION OF FAITH 1 Corinthians 15:3-7

(This is the oldest known creed of the Christian Church. It was developed in the first few years after Jesus rose from the dead.)

All: Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. After that, he was seen by more than 500 of his followers at one time. Then he was seen by James and later by all the apostles.

Please sit.

Welcoming Barb Bailey

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ and for everyone in need.

Pastor: Lord, we praise You, bless You, and adore You for Your love proclaimed throughout the world in Your Son's life, death, and glorious resurrection from the dead. Baptized into His death, we walk in newness of life as living branches of Christ the vine. Cause His life to abide in all who hear Your Word of Life. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: As You caused Your saving Word to spread rapidly through Your first disciples and the apostles, so grant Your strength and blessing to all pastors, missionaries, and witnesses in Your Church that many may hear and discover saving faith through Your own Word and Holy Sacraments. Be especially, with Michael, Jen-Yi, Rachel, Jonathan, and Elizabeth Paul as they serve with LCMS in Taiwan. May they point many people to your saving grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Grant peace, we pray, in all the nations of the world and especially our nation. Inspire all in the authority of government to serve the cause of peace and justice for all. Especially, bless the nations of Saint

Barthélemy, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, and Martinique that many in those places may come to know you. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: As you have loved us enough to send your Son to die for us, empower us in that love to selflessly love each other and to demonstrate your amazing love in our community, bless our individual efforts, as well as those we do together, like our work through Little Doves Preschool, Zion Lutheran School, Take the Next Step, our Chitina Mission team, Peace Builders, and our children's church program. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Loving Jesus, who entered our world to walk with us, be with us as we walk alongside of Jonthan and Angelie as Jonathan prepares to leave prison this Fall. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord of love, visit all who call on You for help, especially those who are sick or injured, [*including . . .*]. Grant them healing of both body and soul and also patience to await Your help. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

OFFERING

Offerings are a way that Christians demonstrate their trust in a loving God that provides for us.

Giving an offering is a spiritual act so the motives of the giver are important. Therefore, we invite you to give generously if you are giving in joyful response to Jesus' love to help the mission of this congregation. If you are a guest or a visitor, please do not feel obligated to give.

Offerings can be made online by going to the following link

<https://give.cornerstone.cc/peacemonroe>

or accessing the link from our website at peacemonroe.org

Checks can be mailed to the church at:
202 Dickinson St., Monroe, WA 98272

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Please stand if you are comfortably able.

2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, Psalm 136

Pastor: The Lord is with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

HOSANA (PRAISE IS RISING)

Hosanna hosanna

You are the God who saves us

Worthy of all our praises

Hosanna hosanna

Come have Your way among us

We welcome You here Lord Jesus

CCLI Song # 4662491 - Brenton Brown | Paul Baloche - © 2005, 2006 Thankyou Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) - Integrity's Hosanna! Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing (Integrity Music, David C Cook)) - *For use solely with the SongSelect® [Terms of Use](#). All rights reserved. [www.ccli.com](#) - CCLI License # 342509*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: We pray the words You taught us.

People: **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.

WORDS OF OUR LORD/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26, Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God. Welcome to the Lord's Table.

Please sit.

DISTRIBUTION

BLESSING

Pastor: Blessed be the Lord! May all the peoples of the earth know that the Lord is God. There is no other! Be wholeheartedly devoted to the Lord our God to walk in his statutes and to keep his commands. Go in his peace.

(1 Kings 8:56, 60-61 adapted)

People: **Amen.**

THE SUMMONS

- 1) Will you come and follow Me
If I but call your name
Will you go where you don't know
And never be the same
Will you let My love be shown
Will you let My name be known
Will you let My life be grown
In you and you in Me

- 2) Lord Your summons echoes true
When You but call my name
Let me turn and follow You
And never be the same
In Your company I'll go
Where Your love and footsteps show
Thus I'll move and live and grow
In You and You in me

CCLI Song # 4668756 - Graham Maule | John L. Bell - © Words: 1987 WGRG, c/o Iona Community, Glasgow, Scotland (Admin. by Wild Goose Resource Group) - Music: 1987 WGRG, c/o Iona Community, Glasgow, Scotland (Admin. by Wild Goose Resource Group) - For use solely with the SongSelect® [Terms of Use](#). All rights reserved. www.ccli.com - CCLI License # 342509

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*All worship songs used solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use (CCLI #342509).
All rights reserved. www.ccli.com*

*Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series A, Quarter 4
Copyright © 2019 Concordia Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used by permission.*

*Christian Standard Bible (CSB)
Copyright © 2017 by Holman Bible Publishers. All rights reserved.*



Peace Lutheran CHURCH

202 Dickinson Street, Monroe, WA 98272
360-794-2082

peacechurchmonroe@live.com

www.peacemonroe.org

Todd Roeske, Pastor- (907)259-5115; todd@peacemonroe.org

Amy Riffle-Kouyeas, Music Leader

Rebeca Castro, Church Office Administrator

Brad Feilberg, Financial Coordinator

Deanna Nowadnick, President

Shelley Wallace, Michael Mates, Kim Green, John Gose, Leadership Team

Lesley Humphries, and Tom Foster, Lay Ministers



Little Doves Preschool

A Ministry of Peace Lutheran Church

A Ministry of Peace @ Monroe

Linda Herman, Director

www.littledovespreschool.com

Our Faith Community's Purpose

***ENGAGE GOD
ENGAGE EACH OTHER and
ENGAGE THE WORLD***

If you would like to learn more about our church or about becoming a Jesus-follower who is connected to this congregation please consider joining the next "Discovering Peace" class. We offer two classes. One is an in-depth study of the Christian Faith for those who have little background. The other is for those who are joining us from another Christian tradition that highlights the things that are unique to Lutheran followers of Jesus. In either class all of your questions will be welcome. For more information contact

todd@peacemonroe.org 907-259-5115