

Next Sunday's Scripture: Acts 2:42 – 47 (1092); 1 Peter 2:19 – 25 (1222); John 10:1 – 10 (1075); Sermon Title "The Summer Screen Door"



April 19, 2026  
9:00 a.m.

SERVING	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Accompanist	JoAnn Deveny	JoAnn Deveny
Special Music	Peace Choir	Youth
Acolytes	Avalynn U; Cade L; Lydia M	Abel G; Logan M; Hanna G
JAM Session	Dan Eichelberg	Peace Puppet Pals
Reader	Nicole Johnsrud	Nolan D & Oliver B
Greeters	Cowgers	Rothenbergers
Ushers	Ruth C & Beulkes	Demeules & TBD
Communion	Dan Nelson & Jon Peterson	N/A
Slide Presenter	Sawyer Schmidt	Edie Hanson
Sound System	Glen Hulley	Thomas Nickleby
Recorder	Victoria Thorson	Tristan Johnsrud
Peace Café	Heuns & Hickels	Hokensons & Holmquists
Altar Care	Lori Nelson & Sharon Weinzierl	

**Ministry Board Serving Today:** Dan Nelson and Jon Peterson

**Family Room & Busy Bags** – There is a Family/Calming area in the Preschool Room with activities for children. Busy bags are available at the sanctuary doors. Please place them in the basket after worship.

**Assistive Listening** – Williams Sound Assistive Listening System and T-Coil devices are available at the Tech Booth in the back of the sanctuary. Let us know how they sound, so we can adjust the system for the best sound.

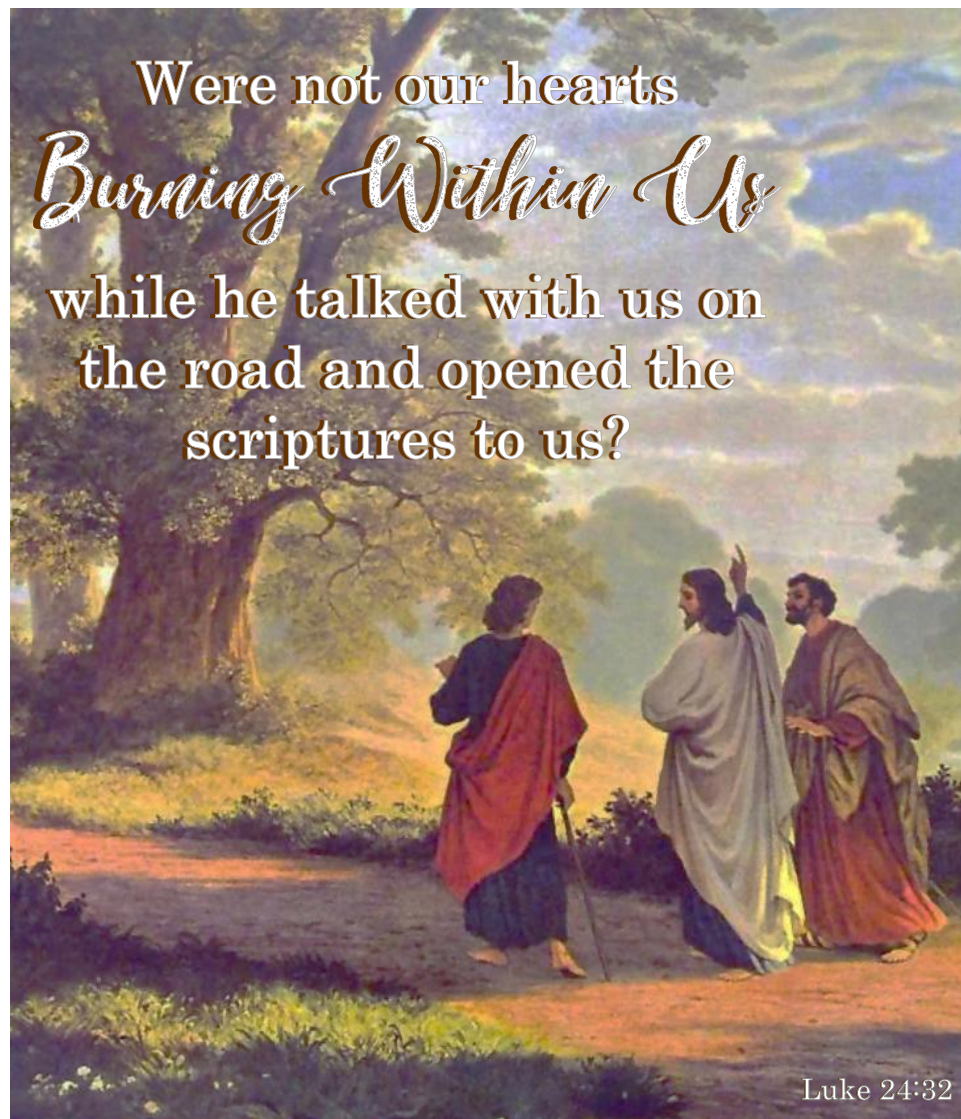
**Need to reach Interim Pastor John?** Contact him at (307) 949-0120, pastor@come2peace.com or saljohnhopper@gmail.com.

**Peace Offering:** Sunday, April 12 – Received: \$6,970 *general* | \$300 *Easter*  
Attendance: 237

April Noisy Offering (WM Royals Room): \$308.83

**April Benevolence:** Feed My Starving Children \$2,000  
WM Royals Room \$750 | Orphan Grain Train: \$750

**Capital Campaign Envelopes** are available in chair backs or request a pack of them by contacting Sue at 763-442-1703 or Sue.Beulke@gmail.com



Luke 24:32

### Ways to Give



**IN-PERSON**  
Offering gifts are received during worship



**ONLINE**  
come2peace.com/giving



**TEXT**  
any amount to 952-900-7789



**MAIL**  
Peace Lutheran Church  
PO Box 817  
Watertown, MN 55388

*Thank you for your generous gifts to the ministry of this congregation, your continued gifts allow us to see a positive and bright future.*

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# Third Sunday of Easter

Praise Prelude	“Goodness of God”	Praise Band
Welcome		
Call to Worship	“Lift High the Cross”	LBW #377
Worship Prayer/Sharing the Peace		
Confession and Forgiveness		
J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)		Dan Eichelberg
Scripture	Acts 2:14a, 36 – 41 (1091) 1 Peter 1:17 – 25 (1221)	Nicole Johnsrud Nicole Johnsrud
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Luke 24:13 – 35</b> (1060)	Interim Pastor John Hopper
	Pastor: The Gospel of Our Lord! <b>People: Thanks be to God!</b>	
Sermon	“Heartburn or Burning Hearts?”	Interim Pastor John Hopper
Sermon Song	“Jesus Messiah”	
Apostle’s Creed		
Offering		
Special Music	“Bought With a Price”	Peace Choir
Offering Response	“Let the Vineyards be Fruitful”	LBW page 86
Prayers of the Church		
The Lord’s Supper		
Words of Institution		
The Lord’s Prayer		
Distribution	“We Remember You” “For the Bread Which You Have Broken” “Let Us Be Bread”	LBW #200
Blessing and Benediction		
Closing Song	“Shine, Jesus, Shine”	
Sending	Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!! <b>ALL: We will!!</b>	
Praise Postlude	“Shine, Jesus, Shine”	Praise Band

**WELCOME GUESTS!** All who believe in Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior are welcome to join us for Communion (gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available). May the Holy Spirit bless your worship, filling you with peace and hope as you go, ready to follow Jesus. You are always welcome here at Peace! Please leave your name in our guest book by the front door or share your contact information on the “Let’s Get Acquainted” card in the pew pocket. Blessings!

## WE PRAY FOR COMFORT & HEALING FOR

Our church family: **Bob & Jan Carlson; Robert Dean; Chris Hoese; Mary Anne Hoese; Jake & Judy Jacobson; Paul Nesvold; Tom Mittelstaedt; Lillie Tesch; Ted Pew; Bill Hoernemann**

Our friends and family: **Dan Bird** (*Langner’s brother*); **Sharon Cameron** (*Cramb’s aunt*); **Gary Diers** (*Colette’s dad*); **Kimmy Efta** (*Nicole’s sister*); **Nancy Friewald** (*Hulley’s sister*); **Phyllis Healy** (*Marla’s stepmom*); **Tammy Hebeisen** (*Bart Kusske’s sister*); **Lauren Hopper** (*Hoppers’ granddaughter*); **Jackie** (*Gosha’s cousin*); **Brian Junczewski; Nancy Krenzelok** (*Weinzierl’s sister*); **Jeremy Laxen** (*Charlotte’s son*); **Beverly Leonhard** (*Audrey’s sister*); **Don Mey** (*Karen Dressel’s cousin*); **Stephanie Nelson** (*Nelson’s daughter-in-law*); **Mark Palmer** (*Gregg’s brother*); **Alan Panning** (*Barfnechts’ friend*); **Tammie S** (*Karen Dressel’s cousin*); **Dawson Semolina** (*Jobes’ nephew*); **Richard Dressel** (*Karen’s husband*); **Madge Burger** (*Marla’s aunt*); **Marly Andresen** (*Bridget Meyer’s dad*); **Jim Holmlund** (*Love INC Director*); **Elmer Eichelberg** (*Dan’s dad*); **Scott & Charlene Grabow** (*Jaime Carlson’s parents*)

Our community: **LCMC & Augustana District churches; Love INC; those serving in the military; law enforcement, first responders & frontline workers who serve and protect our community; and area churches’ ministries.**

Each week we will pray for LCMC churches. Join us by continuing to pray for these churches during the week:

- American Lutheran Church; Kellogg, ID
- Mona Lutheran Church; St Ansgar, IA

Submit prayer requests using the “How Can We Pray for You?” card (back of “Let’s Get Acquainted”) or at [www.come2peace.com/prayer](http://www.come2peace.com/prayer).

**Altar flowers** – Information on how to provide flowers for the altar is located on the announcement board by the Connect Counter.

**Altar Paraments** (Linens) change color with the various church holidays and special events. Today’s paraments are White for Easter.

**WEEKLY MEETINGS & EVENTS**  
Email new & updated activities  
to [office@come2peace.com](mailto:office@come2peace.com)

**Monday, April 20**

6:30am – Men’s Coffee  
8:00am – Church Cleaning Crew

**Tuesday, April 21**

6:30pm – Ministry Board Mtg

**Wednesday, April 22**

9:00am – Story Time  
6:20pm – Confirmation-Mentor Night  
7:30pm – HS Youth Group

**Thursday, April 23**

9:00am – Matthew Bible Study

**Friday, April 24**

6:00pm – Cribbage Tournament

**Saturday, April 25**

**Sunday, April 26**

**FOOD DONATION SUNDAY**

9:00am – Worship  
10:15am – Congregational Mtg  
Fellowship  
Sunday School  
MS Youth Group  
6:00pm – Matthew Bible Study

**Upcoming Events**

VBS Volunteer Mtg – Apr 28 @ 4:30pm  
FCA Meeting – Apr 29 @ 7:00am  
Story Time – Apr 29 @ 9:00am  
Confirmation – Apr 29 @ 6:20pm  
HS Youth Group – Apr 29 @ 7:30pm  
Matthew Bible Study – Apr 30 @ 9am  
Graduate Recognition Sunday – May 3  
Congregational Mtg – May 3 @ 10:15am  
Matthew Bible Study – May 3 @ 6pm



*2 Special*  
**CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS**

Please join us for two important Special Congregational Meetings that will help shape the future of Peace. Both gatherings will include a vote—your voice truly matters!

**Sunday, April 26** Following Worship  
For the sole purpose of calling our new pastor

**Sunday, May 3** Following Worship  
For the sole purpose of voting on our 10,000 Reasons Building Addition

Absentee ballots details can be requested by contacting a Ministry Board member or the church office.

We hope you’ll be part of these meaningful moments in the life of our church!

**Spring Cribbage Tournament**  
**Friday, Apr 24<sup>th</sup>**  
RSVP by Sunday, Apr 19<sup>th</sup>

- ♦ 6:00 - 6:15 pm Sign-in
- ♦ 6:30 pm Tournament Start Time

RSVP Online or at the Connect Counter

**VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING**  
Tuesday, April 28 | 4:30pm

Join us for our next planning meeting. Whether you’ve helped before or are new to VBS, we’d love to have you be part of this special ministry. For more information, contact Shelby Dressel 952-688-7019.

**GRADUATE RECOGNITION**  
**SUNDAY May 3, 2026**

**Graduating High School Students**, we’re excited to celebrate you during worship! This is a special time to recognize your accomplishments and pray for God’s blessings on your next chapter.



Peace offers a scholarship for qualified HS graduates, be sure to check it out!

**Graduating College Students**, have you recently graduated from college? We’d love to celebrate you too! College graduates will be recognized in a special bulletin insert.

If you or someone in your family is graduating, please share your information so we can celebrate together!

**Details and graduate forms can be found at [come2peace.com/graduates](http://come2peace.com/graduates)**

*Last day to submit graduate information is April 26.*



**2026 VBS**  
**Save the Date**

**June 15-19**  
**8:30 a.m. – Noon**

Students entering kindergarten – 6<sup>th</sup> grade fall 2026

**ILLUMINATION STATION**

More details coming soon – [come2peace.com/vbs](http://come2peace.com/vbs)

**Mission Opportunities**  
*donations can be placed in the Missions’ stack by the youth room*

**FOOD SHELF DONATION**  
Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

Consider helping by donating non-perishable food items or making a monetary donation. Checks/ envelopes made out to “Gather & Grow Food Shelf-Watertown.” & placed in offering.

**ROYALS ROOM**

The Royals Room is a food & supplies pantry that supports Watertown-Mayer students. **Current needs: nut free snacks.** Follow the QR code for their Amazon Wish List.



**POP TABS**

We’re collecting **POP TABS** to support Ronald McDonald House Minneapolis Children’s Hospital. Tabs can come from soda cans, energy drinks, soup cans or anything with a metallic tab.



**PEACE CHOIR SCHEDULE**

**Practice:** Apr 15 @ 5 pm  
**Singing:** Apr 19 and May 17

New voices always welcome. Contact Marla, 763-331-2525, with questions.



**Community Events**

**UNSPOKEN LIVE CONCERT**

Saturday, April 25 | 7 pm  
Mayer Lutheran School Fine Arts Center

**CCLS Open House**

Tuesday, April 28 | 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Preschool through 8th grade open house. Meet teachers and tour the school. CCLS.net or 952-955-1419.



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Grace (16) and Everett (14), and we are excited to begin this journey with you as a family. Outside of my calling, I find great joy in playing guitar, bass, and piano, as well as heading out for camping trips or experimenting with new recipes in the kitchen.

In my ministry, I have a deep love for preaching and a heart for connecting the Word to our daily lives. I earned my Master of Divinity from the Master's Institute and bring with me a strong background in youth ministry and significant experience in leadership, most recently serving the past five years as an associate pastor at Lutheran Church of the Master in Brooklyn Center, where I focused on community engagement and pastoral care. I am eager to use these gifts to foster creative worship, supporting intergenerational ministry and building authentic connections within our congregation as we grow together in faith and service.

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