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Mission Statement

To help all people know, believe and follow Jesus Christ

Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

Welcome to Peace Lutheran Church!

Whether you're a first time visitor or a long-time member, we welcome you to worship this morning! If you are visiting, we look forward to meeting you and hope you will join us again, soon. **We would appreciate your signing our guestbook before you leave.**



Some Helpful Information

Please Feel Free To Sit At Anytime During The Worship Service: During the worship services at Peace Lutheran there are many times when the people stand. Sometimes the standing can be quite lengthy. We do not want to place any undue burden on anyone worshipping with us. Therefore, please feel free to sit whenever you desire. Thank you and Christ's blessings.

Restrooms – A restroom is located to the right just as you leave the sanctuary and enter the entrance hall. Restrooms for men and women are also located at the top of the stairs in the Parish Hall. Go into the lounge, turn right and continue up the stairs.

Fellowship and Refreshments – Immediately following worship, coffee and other refreshments and treats are served in Luther Lounge (the lounge just off the entrance hall). Come relax with us and enjoy the company as we will certainly enjoy your company.

Please join us again next week!

Fifth Sunday In Lent

April 7, 2019

Introduction

Lent is not the most enjoyable season of the Church Year. From the outside looking in, the mood of the season does not seem nearly as joyful as the excitement of Christmas or the celebration of the resurrection, which we will experience two weeks from today. However, there is much in which we can rejoice this day! As we fix our eyes on Jesus, who comes to us by His Word and Spirit, we behold Him who was rejected for our redemption, forsaken for our forgiveness, and sacrificed for our salvation. Christ alone is our joy! Today we join with Paul and believers of every place and time in casting everything else aside and finding joy—true, lasting, eternal joy—in “the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:8). In this season of repentance and renewal, Jesus comes to us and fills us with His very presence and peace. Enjoy! Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today!

Prayer Before Worship - We come into your presence, O Lord, with so many burdens and concerns on our hearts. Help us to be open to your words of healing and restoration. Bring us closer to you. Enable us to discern your will for us that we may serve you more faithfully by serving others in need. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen. — Nancy C. Townley, Ministry Matters Website.

Pre-Service Music (A time for reflection)

Ringling Of The Bell

Welcome

Opening Sentences (Hebrews 12:2. Please stand)

Pastor: O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,
People: **the founder and perfecter of our faith,**

Pastor: who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame,
People: and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us, anoint us, and make us new.
People: Amen.

Entrance Hymn - Christ, the Life of All the Living (LBW #97, please remain standing)

- 1 Christ, the life of all the living,
Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Christ, yourself for me once giving
to the darkest depths of woe:
through your suff'ring, death, and merit
life eternal I inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks are due,
dearest Jesus, unto you.
- 2 You have suffered great affliction
and have borne it patiently,
even death by crucifixion,
fully to atone for me;
for you chose to be tormented
that my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks are due,
dearest Jesus, unto you.
- 3 Then, for all that bought my pardon,
for the sorrows deep and sore,
for the anguish in the garden,
I will thank you evermore;
thank you for the groaning, sighing,
for the bleeding and the dying,
for that last triumphant cry,
praise you evermore on high.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605-1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt. Public domain.

Psalm – Psalm 126 (Please remain standing)

Pastor: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

People: **Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”**

Pastor: The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.

People: **Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negeb!**

Pastor: Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!

People: **He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.**

(We share the Lord's peace with one another)

Response - Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (Tune: LBW #50, please be seated)

- 1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ, our head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever
and our confidence alone.
- 2 To this temple, where we call you,
come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
come, with all your lovingkindness,
hear your people as they pray;
and your fullest benediction
shed within these walls today.
- 3 Here bestow on all your servants
what they seek from you to gain;
what they gain from you, forever
with the blessed to retain;
and hereafter in your glory
evermore with you to reign.

4 Praise and honor to the Father,
praise and honor to the Son,
praise and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one:
one in might and one in glory
while unending ages run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

First Reading - Isaiah 43:16-21 (Please remain seated)

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸ “Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. ¹⁹ Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰ The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹ the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.

Second Reading - Philippians 3:4b-14 (Please remain seated)

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more:⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel – Luke 20:9-20 (Please remain seated)

⁹ And he began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while.¹⁰ When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed.¹¹ And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed.¹² And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out.¹³ Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’¹⁴ But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’¹⁵ And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them?¹⁶ He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!”¹⁷ But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written: “‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone’?”¹⁸ Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”¹⁹ The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people.²⁰ So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

Hymn - My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (LBW #294, please remain seated)

- 1 My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

- 2 When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

- 3 His oath, his covenant, his blood
sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports are washed away,
he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

Refrain

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

- 4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone,
redeemed to stand before the throne! *Refrain*

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Message

New Life Philippians 3:4b-14

Response – Praise The One Who Breaks The Darkness

(Tune: LBW #499, please remain seated)

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light;
praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel,
healing ev'ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word;
praise the One who drove out demons
with a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand;
from this well comes living water
quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

- 3 Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory;
praise the One who makes us one.

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Sharing The Gifts Of God (Please remain seated as the offerings are received)

Confession Of Faith - Apostles Creed (Please stand and confess together)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayer of the Church (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. – Silent Prayer - Christ is our cornerstone, O Lord, and the rock upon which all our hopes rest. Bring to completion all that You have begun in us, and grant to us all things needful and profitable for our salvation, that we might be the people in whom You delight and through whom You show forth Your mercy. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Help us to press on, O Lord, against all enemies and strive for the goal, the upward call in Christ, our Savior. We rejoice that we are not alone but surrounded by a great host of saints and fellow citizens of heaven, here and throughout the world. Bless our unity in faith, and help us work as partners in Christ for the advancement of His kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Bless Your Church, O Lord, and bless those who serve us in Your name. Raise up godly people as servants of Your kingdom, and lead us to honor the preaching of Your Word and the discipline of Your house for our benefit and blessing. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Guard us, O Lord, against all those who cause strife, whose acts of violence and terror threaten people everywhere, and who seek to destroy order and peace. Bless the service men and women who defend us at home and abroad and all police, firefighters and emergency personnel who work on our behalf. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Make our homes places of blessing and love, O Lord, that husbands and wives may honor the promises of their marriage and faithfully care for the children You have given them. Help us to honor Your gift of life from its natural beginning to its natural end. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Where people suffer in body or spirit, bring healing and peace, O Lord. Sustain the weary with Your Word, and grant the ill healing according to Your will. Be with them in their hour of need and comfort them, that they may not be overcome by struggle, grief or pain. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Teach us to love You above all things, O Lord, lest we gain possessions and lose our salvation. Lead us to use wisely and for Your will and purpose all the things of this life, and accept with our gratitude the tithes and offerings we bring, tokens of our faith and

symbols of our trust in You to give us all that we need. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Additional prayers

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Where we are in error, O Lord, reform us. Where our love is lacking, renew us. Where our faith is faltering, give us strength. Where we are distracted, give us a clear focus on Christ, in whom we live by Baptism and faith. Keep us in Christ to the day of the resurrection of all flesh, when we shall be reunited with those who have gone before and know fully the place You have prepared for us and the joy that does not disappoint. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: All these things we pray, O Lord, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, with whom You reign, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (We pray together. Please remain standing)

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.

The Prayer For Peace (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Let us pray. . .O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works,

People: give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments

**and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies,
may live in peace and quietness;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with
You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Benediction (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold to what is good;
return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the
weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And may God, the Father,
the Son and the Holy Spirit Bless each of you.

People: **Amen**

Dismissal (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn - O God, Our Help in Ages Past (LBW #320. Please remain standing)

- 1 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:
- 2 Under the shadow of your throne
your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

- 3 Before the hills in order stood
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting you are God,
to endless years the same.
- 4 A thousand ages in your sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.
- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
soon bears us all away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

Announcements

Recessional

Serving The Lord With Gladness

Pastor:	Rev. Ricky Adams
Organist:	Janet Reese
Coffee:	Don and Beverly Erbel
Counters:	Beverly Erbel
Ushers:	
Lay Reader:	Sharon Sides

Activities This Week:

Sunday – April 7	9:30 am	Service of the Word
Tuesday – April 9	9:30-12: 30 pm 4:30-6:30 pm 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. 5:30-6:30 p.m. 6:30-8:30 p.m. 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Stage Door (PH) Cindy Levy Music Class (LL) Brown Bag (LL) Nancy Feehan class(N) Nancy Feehan class (PH) Women’s Bible Class (PH)
Wednesday – April 10	2:45 – 6:15 pm 6:00 pm	Patricia Miner (N) Stage Door (PH)
Saturday – April 13	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH)
Sunday – April 14	9:30 am	Service of the Word And Sacrament

Information About Peace Lutheran Church - If you desire to know more about Peace Lutheran Church such as teachings; affiliations, membership or other questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Adams.

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Flowers – Flowers today are given to the glory of God

Birthday – Christ’s blessings to those celebrating birthdays this week:

Tuesday - Bryan Wells
Friday - Jean Gustafson
Saturday - John Stephenson

Good Friday and Easter: Here is the list of events for Holy Week. Remember to join in the observance and celebration! Invite your friends!

Good Friday Community Observance – 7:00 p.m. April 19

Easter Worship – 9:30 a.m., April 21

Easter Egg Hunt – after worship, April 21

Easter Brunch – after Easter Egg Hunt, April 21

Easter Sign Up: There are two Easter sign-ups in the entrance way. One is for food for Easter brunch. The other is helpers to set up before or to clean up after the brunch. Please sign up to help.

Easter Lilies – We are changing the use of Easter Lilies this year. We are asking you to buy your own lilies, bring them on Easter Sunday and we will place them by the altar during worship.

Refreshments - will be served in Luther Lounge and surrounding areas following worship today. Guests and members stay and meet one another again or for the first time.

Flowers – If you would like to donate flowers for worship in memory of a person or observing a personal event, please contact pastor via email at pastor@plcmarin.org

Sunday Bulletins - for Peace Lutheran church are available online for use during the worship service. The link is <http://bulletin.plcmarin.org>

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Weekly Devotional Helps

April 7, 2019 – April 13, 2019

Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Evening Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Prayer For The Sick

By your power, great God, our Lord Jesus healed the sick and gave new hope to the hopeless. Though we cannot command or possess your power, we pray for those who want to be healed. Mend their wounds, soothe fevered brows, and make broken people whole again. Help us to welcome every healing as a sign that, though death is against us, you are for us, and have promised renewed and risen life in Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings Through The Week

Monday – April 8

Psalm 20
Exodus 40:1-15
Hebrews 10:19-25

Tuesday – April 9

Psalm 20
Judges 9:7-15
1 John 2:18-28

Wednesday – April 10

Psalm 20
Habakkuk 2:3-15
Luke 18:31-34

Thursday – April 11

Psalm 31:9-16
Isaiah 53:10-12
Hebrews 2:1-9

Friday – April 12

Psalm 31:9-16

Isaiah 54:9-10

Hebrews 2:10-18

Saturday – April 13

Psalm 31:9-16

Leviticus 23:1-8

Luke 22:1-13

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday**Palm/Passion Sunday****Isaiah 50:4-9a****Psalm 31:9-16****Philippians 2:5-11****Luke 19:28-40****Upcoming Commemorations**

April 9 - Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian, died 1945: Bonhoeffer was a German theologian who wrote profoundly, yet in an accessible manner. In the Second World War, he became a leader of the Confessing Church in Germany that resisted the Nazi movement. Linked to a plot to kill Hitler, he was hanged shortly before the end of the war.

April 10 - Mikael Agricola, Bishop of Turku, died 1557: Consecrated bishop of Turku, Finland, without the approval of the pope, Agricola began a reform along Lutheran lines. In only three years, he translated the New Testament and worship texts into Finnish, in the process establishing the rules of Finnish writing that are still used today.