

Peace Lutheran Church

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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.**

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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.

Holy Communion – At Peace Lutheran we celebrate Holy Communion on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Holy Communion is a very special meal for the children of God in Christ. All who have been baptized and believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and all those who hunger and thirst for Christ's forgiveness and God's strength for living, are invited to join in Holy Communion. **Grape juice** (instead of wine) is available in the individual glasses in the middle of the tray. The wine is red; the grape juice is white. Pastor blesses any of the children who are brought to the communion rail. Any adults who come to the rail and desire a blessing but not communion may cross their arms and pastor will bless them.

Please join us again next week!

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 11, 2018

Introduction

In the First Reading from Numbers, God makes a promise to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith, for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying. Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today!

Prayer Before Worship - Great Triune God, we have gathered here in your name as an act of faith, believing that you are not only among us, but that you love us. It is often hard to recognize your love, see your mercy, and feel your presence. Help us today in our worship, that we might be transparent to your grace, as you reveal yourself to each one of us. Amen. - By Jamie D. Greening, Worship Matters Website

Pre-Service Music (A time for reflection)

Ring the Bell

Welcome

Call to Worship (Psalm 107, Ephesians 2, John 3. Please stand)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: God loves us with a steadfast love.

People: **Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!**

Pastor: God loves us so much he gave us his Son.

People: **Let us believe and have eternal life!**

Pastor: God loves us with a great love, rich in mercy.

People: **Let us have faith to receive this grace!**

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

Prayer of Confession (Numbers 21, please remain standing)

Pastor: God, we have sinned against you. We have spoken against you and your servant Jesus.

People: We have uttered lies. We have cursed you and others. We have said vulgar things. We have been consumed by doubt.

Pastor: We have been bitten with the venom of hatred in our world.

People: We have oppressed the helpless. We have been intolerant of others. We have delighted in violence. We have spent money foolishly.

Pastor: Please, Lord God, forgive us our transgressions, that we may be healed of our sin.

Words of Assurance (John 3, please remain standing)

Pastor: Hear now the loving truth of God: God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned. Our sins are forgiven!

Passing the Peace of Christ (Psalm 107, please remain standing)

Pastor: Around us, our brothers and sisters are gathered:

People: from the east, from the west, from the north, from the south.

Pastor: Share the steadfast love of God and community as the peace of God is passed.

Entrance Hymn – Amazing Grace (LBW 448, please be seated)

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| 1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see. | 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed! |
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3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807

First Reading - Numbers 21:4-9 (Please remain seated)

Though God provides food and water for the Israelites in the wilderness, they whine and grumble. They forget about the salvation they experienced in the exodus. God punishes them for their sin, but when they repent God also provides a means of healing: a bronze serpent lifted up on a pole.

Lay Minister: ⁴From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live. This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Gradual (Hebrews 12:2, please remain seated)

Lay Minister: O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,

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

Second Reading - Ephesians 2:1-10 (Please remain seated)

While we were dead in our sinfulness, God acted to make us alive as a gift of grace in Christ Jesus. We are saved not by what we do but by grace through faith. Thus our good works are really a reflection of God's grace at work in our lives.

Lay Reader: ¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand)

Pastor: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,

People: so that everyone who believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Gospel - John 3:14-21 (Please remain standing)

To explain the salvation of God to the religious leader, Nicodemus, Jesus refers to the scripture passage quoted in today's first reading. Just as those who looked upon the bronze serpent were healed, so people will be saved when they behold Christ lifted up on the cross.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor: [Jesus said:] ¹⁴“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.” This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn Of The Day - God Loved the World So That He Gave

(TLH #245, please be seated)



1. God loved the world so that he gave His on - ly
2. Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
3. God would not have the sin - ner die, His Son with
4. Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For-gives all



Son the lost to save That all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; All that con - fide in
 sav - ing grace is nigh, His Spir - it in the
 sins which thou hast done; And jus - ti - fied by



him be - lieve Should e - ver - last - ing life re - ceive.
Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
Word doth teach How man the bles - sed Goal may reach
Je - sus' blood; Thy Bap-tism grants the high - est good.

5 If thou be sick, If death draw near,
This truth thy troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves my soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.

6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three In One
To Thee, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally

Text: UNKNOWN,AUTHOR. Tune: ELVEY,GEORGE J.

Message

We Have Become His Poetry
Ephesians 2:1-10

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

Litany Prayer (Please remain standing)

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For Matthew Harrison, our denominational president, for Bob Newton, our District president, for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people of the faith, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the president of the United States, for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who are ailing and those who grieve, that they may be strengthened in body and spirit, confident of the love of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor:	For . . . let us pray to the Lord:
People:	Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Amen.

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

Offering Prayer (Please remain seated)

Pastor: Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Communion Hymn – My Faith Looks Up To Thee (ELW #479, please remain seated)

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| 1. My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away,
oh, let me from this day
be wholly thine! | 2. May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me,
oh, may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire! |
| 3. While life's dark maze I tread
and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from thee aside. | 4. When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll;
blest Savior, then, in love
fear and distrust remove;
oh, bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul! |

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887

Order Of Holy Communion (Please stand)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

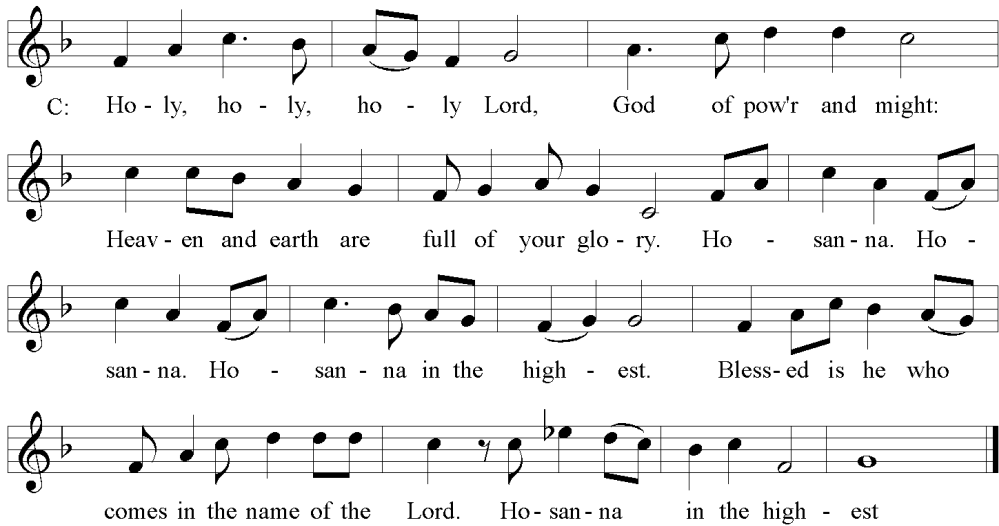
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who out of love came to be lifted up on the pole of the cross for the salvation of the world so that all who believe in Him will not perish but have eternal life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have saved us by grace, through faith, and this is not from ourselves, but a gracious gift from Your hand. With thanksgiving we rejoice in this salvation apart from any merit or worthiness in us. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we ask You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He invites us to do in His own words. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." ... In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." ... 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: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

Pastor: Return to God with all your heart. Receive bread for the journey, drink for the desert.

Agnus Dei - O Christ, Thou Lamb of God (LBW #103, please remain standing)

O Christ, thou Lamb of God
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us!
O Christ, thou Lamb of God
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us!
O Christ, thou Lamb of God
that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us thy peace! Amen

Text: German, 1528; based on the Agnus Dei; tr. Unknown

Distribution (Please be seated)

Approach the altar at the usher's direction. Communion is received kneeling—the bread in your outstretched open hands, the wine in a small cup. Place empty cups in the tray carried by the acolyte or lay minister. If you wish only a blessing, just fold your hands together over your heart.

Prayer before Communion (Prayed privately before going to the altar)

Merciful God, we do not presume to come to your table trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat and drink the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live in him and he in us, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer After Communion (Prayed privately after returning to your seated)

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing (Please stand)

Post-Communion Thanksgiving (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Let us pray. ... We give thanks to You, almighty God, that in Your Supper we receive the benefits of the salvation Your Son earned for us on the cross. Strengthen us in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Closing Sentences (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Be with us through this season, Lord,
People: **And all our earthly days,**

Pastor: That when the final Easter dawns,
People: **We join in heaven's praise. Amen.**

Blessing (Please remain standing)

Pastor: May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you ☩ peace.

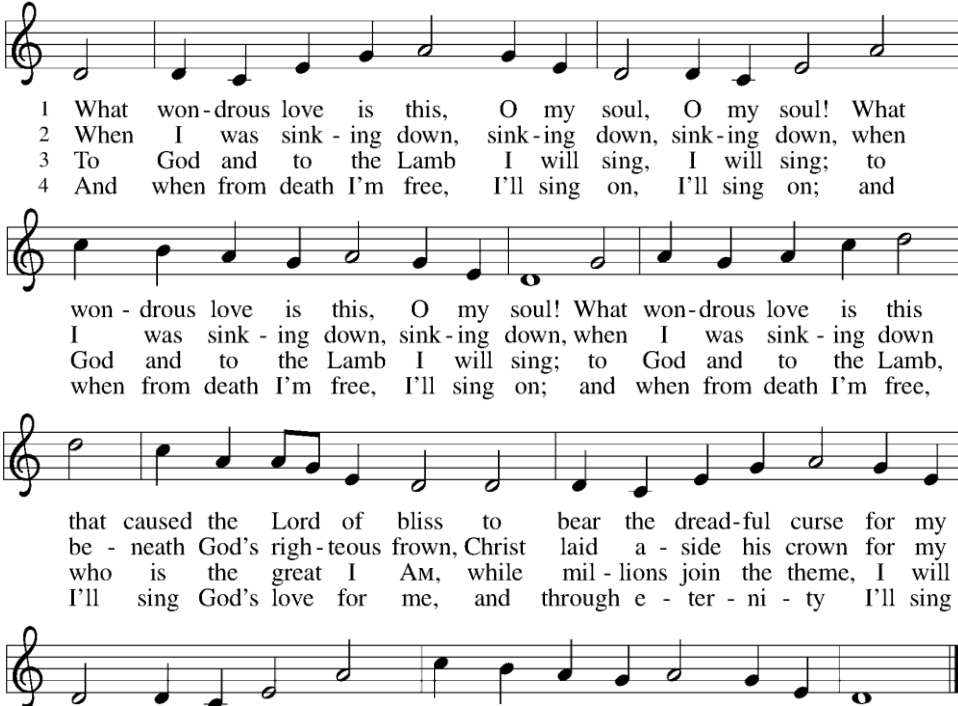
People: **Amen.**

Dismissal (Please remain standing)

Lay Minister: Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Song – What Wondrous Love Is This (ELW #666, please remain standing)



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink-ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be-neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side his crown for my
who is the great I AM, while mil-lions join the theme, I will
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

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Announcements

Serving The Lord With Gladness

Pastor:	Ricky Adams
Organist:	Janet Reese
Altar Guild:	Vicki McGowan
Coffee Hour:	Jon and AnaHilda Mosher
Counter:	Vicki McGowan and Rick Kenney
Lay Minister:	Rick Kenney
Usher:	Jim and Sharon Sides
Lay Reader:	Sharon Sides

Activities This Week:

Sunday – March 11	9:30am	Service of the Word
Tuesday – March 13	9:30-12:30pm 10:30 4:15-5:45 6:30	Stage Door (PH) Brown Bag (LL) Kids Music (LL) Women's Bible Class(LL)
Wednesday – March 14	4:15-5:45 2:45 pm 6pm	Kids Music Class (LL) Patricia Miner(S) Stage Door (PH)
Friday – March 16	9:30	German Story Time (N)
Saturday – March 17	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH)
Sunday – March 18	9:30am	Service of the Word

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.

Birthdays – Christ's Peace to those celebrating birthdays this week.

Friday - Jerry Locey
Saturday - Bob Webb
Mark Schneeberger

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.

Easter Weekend

Friday, March 30 – Good Friday Community Observance in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 31 – Prepare Sanctuary for Easter at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 1 –
Easter Worship, 9:30 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt, after worship
Easter Brunch, after Easter Egg Hunt in Peace Hall
(Sign-up sheet in the Church entrance)

Lay Ministers – Lay Ministers meet today following worship service.

Fireside Brown Bag – Remember Brown Bag Dinners will be put together this Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.

Women's Bible Class – Women's Bible Class is scheduled for this Tuesday in the Lounge.

Easter Sign Up Sheet – The Sign up sheet for East has been placed in the entrance. Please help us by singing up.

Sunday Servers – We need people to help as servers during April. Please sign up to help! The sheet is in the church entrance.

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

Facebook - Like us on Facebook at Peace Lutheran Church Mill Valley or @peacelutheranmill

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

Weekly Devotional Helps

March 11 – March 17, 2018

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 – March 12

Psalm 107:1-16
Exodus 15:22-27
Hebrews 3:1-6

Tuesday – March 13

Psalm 107:1-16
Numbers 20:1-13
1 Corinthians 10:6-13

Wednesday – March 14

Psalm 107:1-16
Isaiah 60:15-22
John 8:12-20

Thursday – March 15

Psalm 51:1-12
Isaiah 30:15-18
Hebrews 4:1-13

Friday – March 16

Psalm 51:1-12
Exodus 30:1-10
Hebrews 4:14-5:4

Saturday – March 17

Psalm 51:1-12
Habakkuk 3:2-13
John 12:1-11

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday

Fifth Sunday In Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

Commemorations

March 12 - Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, died 604: Born into wealth and power, Gregory was for a time the chief administrator of the city of Rome. Giving this up for a life in the church, he was elected pope in 590. He influenced public worship through the establishment of a lectionary and prayers to correlate with the readings. Gregorian chant is named in his honor.

March 17 - Patrick, bishop, missionary to Ireland, died 461: A native of Britain, Patrick was kidnapped by pirates at age sixteen and sold into slavery in Ireland. After a few years, he escaped, returned home, and entered the ministry. Returning to Ireland, he successfully served as a bishop and missionary there.