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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!

Third Sunday In Lent

March 15, 2020

As We Gather

How do you compare to others? Whether we like to admit it or not, we ask that of ourselves about looks, success, achievements, relationships, abilities, and more.

It's rarely a healthy approach as we're often left feeling worse about ourselves.

How do you compare to Christ? We ask ourselves that today not in light of looks or achievements or success, but in light of faithfulness. As we do, we realize we don't and can't ever compare, but we're not left to feel worse about ourselves.

Rather, because Christ's perfect work for us is beyond comparison, we realize our worth in and through Him is more than we could ever imagine as He gave His life for us even while we were still sinners. The love of our Savior enables us to stand firm in faith and to receive His incomparable blessings now and forevermore. Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today!

Prayer Before Worship - Loving and caring God, we come this morning in hope—hope that will sustain us in our trying times, our lonely times, our doubting times. Refresh us this morning with the living water of your presence and love. Open us to the possibilities of friendship—the possibilities of encountering you in unexpected ways, the possibilities of seeing the miraculous in everyday life. Amen.

— Joanne Carlson Brown, Ministry Matters Website.

Pre-Service Music (A time for reflection)

Ringling Of The Bell

Welcome

Call to Worship (Please stand)

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

Pastor: Jesus bids us welcome. He brings peace and forgiveness.

People: **Yet we dwell in the midst of doubt and fear.**

Pastor: Jesus bids us welcome. He brings hope and healing.

People: **But we persist in our ways of stubbornness and greed.**

Pastor: Jesus, come among us once more and bring us your word of Peace.

People: **Open our hearts, our spirits, our souls to receive your healing Word. Amen.** – Nancy C. Townley, Ministry Matters Website

Entrance Song - Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

(Tune: LBW #423. Please remain standing)

- 1 "Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty;
drink the water I will give.
If you knew what gift I offer,
you would come to me and live."

Refrain

Jesus, ever flowing fountain,
give us water from your well.
In the gracious gift you offer
there is joy no tongue can tell.

- 2 "Come to me, all trav'lers weary;
come that I may give you rest.
Drink the cup of life I offer;
at this table be my guest." *Refrain*
- 3 "Come to me, believers burdened;
find refreshment in this place.
Come, receive the gift I offer,
turn to me and seek my face." *Refrain*
- 4 "Come to me, repentant sinners;
leave behind your guilt and shame.
Come and know divine compassion,
turn to me, I call your name." *Refrain*

- 5 "Come to me, distressed and needy;
I would be your trusted friend.
Come and seek the gift I offer,
come, your open hands extend." *Refrain*
- 6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;
lonely ways no longer roam.
Come and take the gift I offer,
let me make in you my home." *Refrain*

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Psalm Of The Day – Psalm 95 (Please remain standing)

Pastor: O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: **Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

Pastor: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

People: **In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.**

Pastor: The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

People: **O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

Pastor: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice!

People: **Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,**

Pastor: when your ancestors tested me, and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

People: For forty years I loathed that generation and said, “They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they do not regard my ways.”

Pastor: Therefore in my anger I swore, They shall not enter my rest.”

Response - Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain (LBW #301. Please be seated)

- 1 Come to Calv’ry’s holy mountain,
sinners, ruined by the fall;
here a pure and healing fountain
flows to you, to me, to all,
in a full perpetual tide,
opened when our Savior died.
- 2 Come in sorrow and contrition,
wounded, impotent, and blind;
here the guilty, free remission,
here the troubled peace may find.
Health this fountain will restore;
those who drink shall thirst no more.
- 3 Those who drink shall live forever;
'tis a soul-renewing flood.
God is faithful; God will never
break his covenant of blood,
signed when our redeemer died,
sealed when he was glorified.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854

First Reading - Exodus 17:1-7 (Please remain seated)

Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—"Is the LORD among us or not?"—received a very positive answer.

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Second Reading - Romans 5:1-11 (Please remain seated)

Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus' death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who had been enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having

been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Gospel - John 4:5-42 (Please remain seated)

Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.

⁵[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." ²⁶Jesus said

to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." ²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" ²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him. ³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." ³²But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" ³⁴Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." ³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

Song - I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (Tune: LBW #391. Please remain seated)

- 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.

- 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.
- 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till trav'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889

Message

Clean Water John 4:5-42

Response - Jesus, Refuge of the Weary (LBW #93. Please remain seated)

- 1 Jesus, refuge of the weary,
blest redeemer, whom we love,
fountain in life's desert dreary,
Savior from the world above:
often have your eyes, offended,
gazed upon the sinner's fall;
yet upon the cross extended,
you have borne the pain of all.

- 2 Do we pass that cross unheeding,
breathing no repentant vow,
though we see you wounded, bleeding,
see your thorn-encircled brow?
Yet your sinless death has brought us
life eternal, peace, and rest;
only what your grace has taught us
calms the sinner's deep distress.
- 3 Jesus, may our hearts be burning
with more fervent love for you;
may our eyes be ever turning
to behold your cross anew;
till in glory, parted never
from the blessed Savior's side,
graven in our hearts forever,
dwell the cross, the Crucified.

Text: Girolamo Savonarola, 1452-1498; tr. Jane F. Wilde, 1826-1896, alt.

Sharing The Gifts Of God (Please be 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. . . . Lord God, though we are undeserving of not only Your mercy and grace but also of Your tending to our daily needs, we give You thanks that You provide all we need for this body and life. We pray for all that we need—health for the soul, peace for the mind, strength for the body, forgiveness of sin, freedom from condemnation, and a genuine heart gifted for service. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Bind up the hearts of those who are troubled, heal the wounds of those who suffer disease or injury, and comfort those who are burdened. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Grant that the witness and teaching of those whom You have called and placed as overseers and leaders in Your places of worship here and throughout the world faithfully fulfill the tasks You have placed before them, that they speak Your Word in confidence so that Your truth prevails. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We pray for those who serve in our country in the armed forces and ask that You would guard and protect them in the fulfillment of their duties in domestic and foreign lands. For all who work in our communities for safety, order, and protection, be with them in their service; for all who use Your gifts and abilities given for the health and well-being of others in medical fields, guide their care. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: In this season of Lent, continue to open our ears to hear Your Word, to repent of sin, and to be drawn to the cross of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Additional prayers:

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Bless all hear your Word and worship here today, that they be strengthened in Your forgiveness, enabled to withstand temptation of the devil, and empowered to lovingly serve neighbors in Your name. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

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 Song - Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

(LBW #499. Please remain standing)

- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee;
may I still thy goodness prove.
- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer:
"Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.

Announcements

Serving The Lord With Gladness

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| Pastor: | Pastor Ricky Adams |
| Pianist: | Janet Reese |
| Coffee: | Don and Beverly Erbel |
| Counter: | Beverly Erbel |
| Usher: | Jackie and Keith Stoneking |
| Lay Reader: | Beverly Erbel |

Activities This Week:

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| Sunday – March 15 | 9:30 am 10:45 a.m. | Service of the Word Council (PH) |
| Monday – March 16 | 6-8 p.m. | AA Meeting (PH) |
| Tuesday – March 17 | 9:30am -12: 30 pm | Stage Door (PH) |
| Wednesday – March 18 | 6:00 pm | Stage Door (PH) |
| Saturday – March 21 | 8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm | Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH) |
| Sunday – March 15 | 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.

Council Meeting – The Council meets today after worship.

New Directory – The new directory is available today!

Servers – Every Sunday there are several people that help serve during the worship service and coffee hour. Peace Lutheran needs your help. We need people to prepare Coffee hour and serve during that time. We need Ushers. We need lay readers who read the second lesson during worship. Please consider these needs and sign up to serve in the way you choose. Thank you.

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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Looking Ahead

Community Good Friday Service – April 10, 7:00 p.m.

Easter Worship – April 12, 9:30 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt – April 12, 10:45 a.m.

Easter Brunch – April 12, after Easter Egg Hunt, Lounge

Weekly Devotional Helps

March 15 – March 21, 2020

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 16

Psalm 81
Genesis 24:1-27
2 John 1-13

Tuesday – March 17

Psalm 81
Genesis 29:1-14
1 Corinthians 10:1-4

Wednesday – March 18

Psalm 81
Jeremiah 2:4-13
John 7:14-31, 37-39

Thursday – March 19

Psalm 23
1 Samuel 15:10-21
Ephesians 4:25-32

Friday – March 20

Psalm 23

1 Samuel 15:22-31

Ephesians 5:1-9

Saturday – March 21

Psalm 23

1 Samuel 15:32-34

John 1:1-9

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday**Fourth Sunday In Lent****1 Samuel 16:1-13****Psalm 23****Ephesians 5:8-14****John 9:1-41****Commemorations**

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.

March 19 - Joseph, Guardian of Jesus: Though the Bible tells us little about the husband of Jesus' mother Mary, we know that he was a carpenter or builder by trade. He is also shown as being devoted both to God and to Mary and Jesus. It is assumed that he died before Jesus became an adult.

March 21 - Thomas Cranmer, Bishop of Canterbury, martyr, died 1556: Cranmer's lasting achievement is contributing to and overseeing the creation of the Book of Common Prayer, which remains (in revised form) the worship book of the Anglican Communion. He was burned at the stake under Queen Mary for his support of the Protestant Reformation.

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