



# **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.**



## 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!**

## **Second Sunday In Lent**

### **March 17, 2019**

#### **As We Gather**

Jesus longs to gather God's children together. Like the prophets of old, He laments over the unbelief He sees in the place where saving faith should be most evident: Jerusalem. "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem. . . . How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not!" (Luke 13:34). Jesus is relentless in His pursuit of sinners, longing to see them in the place where He gathers us in grace and fills us with forgiveness. That place is right here! Right here and now, Jesus invites you to come to Him. So we gather together as the children of God under the wings of our living and loving Savior! Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today.

**Prayer Before Worship** - God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. — From [SundaysandSeasons.com](http://SundaysandSeasons.com)

**Pre-Service Music** (A time of reflection)

**Ringling Of The Bell**

**Welcome**

**Call To Worship – Hebrews 12:2** (Please stand)

**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.

Pastor: Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus,  
**People: on whom our faith depends from beginning to end.**

Pastor: He did not give up because of the cross! On the contrary, because of the joy that was waiting for him, he thought nothing of the disgrace of dying on the cross,  
**People: and he is now seated at the right side of God's throne.**

## **Entrance Hymn** - Children of the Heavenly Father (LBW #474, please remain standing)

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father  
safely in his bosom gather;  
nestling bird nor star in heaven  
such a refuge e'er was given.
- 2 God his own doth tend and nourish,  
in his holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things he spares them,  
in his mighty arms he bears them.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever  
from the Lord his children sever;  
unto them his grace he showeth,  
and their sorrows all he knoweth.
- 4 Though he giveth or he taketh,  
God his children ne'er forsaketh;  
his the loving purpose solely  
to preserve them pure and holy.

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## **Psalm – Psalm 27** (Please remain standing)

**Pastor:** The LORD is my light and my salvation; I will fear no one. The LORD protects me from all danger; I will never be afraid.

**People:** **When evil people attack me and try to kill me, they stumble and fall.**

**Pastor:** Even if a whole army surrounds me, I will not be afraid; even if enemies attack me, I will still trust God.

**People:** **I have asked the LORD for one thing; one thing only do I want: to live in the LORD's house all my life, to marvel there at his goodness, and to ask for his guidance.**

**Pastor:** In times of trouble he will shelter me; he will keep me safe in his Temple and make me secure on a high rock.

**People:** **So I will triumph over my enemies around me. With shouts of joy I will offer sacrifices in his Temple; I will sing, I will praise the LORD.**

**Pastor:** Hear me, LORD, when I call to you! Be merciful and answer me!

**People:** **When you said, "Come worship me," I answered, "I will come, LORD."**

**Pastor:** Don't hide yourself from me! Don't be angry with me; don't turn your servant away. You have been my help; don't leave me, don't abandon me, O God, my savior.

**People:** **My father and mother may abandon me, but the LORD will take care of me.**

**Pastor:** Teach me, LORD, what you want me to do, and lead me along a safe path, because I have many enemies.

**People:** **Don't abandon me to my enemies, who attack me with lies and threats.**

**Pastor:** I know that I will live to see the LORD's goodness in this present life.

**People:** **Trust in the LORD. Have faith, do not despair. Trust in the LORD.**

(We share the peace of the Lord with one another)

## Hymn – There's A Quiet Understanding (OSB #223, please be seated)

1 There's a qui - et un - der - stand - ing when we're gath - ered  
 2 And we know when we're to - geth - er, shar - ing love and

in the Spir - it; it's a prom - ise that he gives us, when we  
 un - der - stand - ing, that our broth - ers and our sis - ters feel the

gath - er in his name. There's a love we feel in Je - sus,  
 one - ness that he brings. Thank you, thank you, thank you, Je - sus,

there's a man - na that he feeds us; it's a prom - ise that he gives us,  
 for the way you love and feed us, for the man - y ways you lead us,

1 when we gath - er in his name. 2 thank you, thank you, Lord. *(Repeat, ad lib.)*

## **First Reading - Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18** (Please remain seated)

God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a son, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.

After this, Abram had a vision and heard the LORD say to him, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I will shield you from danger and give you a great reward." <sup>2</sup> But Abram answered, "Sovereign LORD, what good will your reward do me, since I have no children? My only heir is Eliezer of Damascus." <sup>3</sup> You have given me no children, and one of my slaves will inherit my property." <sup>4</sup> Then he heard the LORD speaking to him again: "This slave Eliezer will not inherit your property; your own son will be your heir." <sup>5</sup> The LORD took him outside and said, "Look at the sky and try to count the stars; you will have as many descendants as that." <sup>6</sup> Abram put his trust in the LORD, and because of this the LORD was pleased with him and accepted him. <sup>7</sup> Then the LORD said to him, "I am the LORD, who led you out of Ur in Babylonia, to give you this land as your own." <sup>8</sup> But Abram asked, "Sovereign LORD, how can I know that it will be mine?" <sup>9</sup> He answered, "Bring me a cow, a goat, and a ram, each of them three years old, and a dove and a pigeon." <sup>10</sup> Abram brought the animals to God, cut them in half, and placed the halves opposite each other in two rows; but he did not cut up the birds. <sup>11</sup> Vultures came down on the bodies, but Abram drove them off. <sup>12</sup> When the sun was going down, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and fear and terror came over him. ... <sup>17</sup> When the sun had set and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch suddenly appeared and passed between the pieces of the animals. <sup>18</sup> Then and there the LORD made a covenant with Abram. He said, "I promise to give your descendants all this land from the border of Egypt to the Euphrates River,

## **Second Reading - Philippians 3:17--4:1** (Please remain seated)

Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.

<sup>17</sup> Keep on imitating me, my friends. Pay attention to those who follow the right example that we have set for you. <sup>18</sup> I have told you this many times before, and now I repeat it with tears: there are many whose lives make them enemies of Christ's death on the cross. <sup>19</sup> They are going to end up in hell, because their god is their bodily desires. They are proud of what they should be ashamed of, and they think only of things that belong to this world. <sup>20</sup> We, however, are citizens of

heaven, and we eagerly wait for our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, to come from heaven. <sup>21</sup> He will change our weak mortal bodies and make them like his own glorious body, using that power by which he is able to bring all things under his rule. ... <sup>4:1</sup> So then, my friends, how dear you are to me and how I miss you! How happy you make me, and how proud I am of you!—this, dear friends, is how you should stand firm in your life in the Lord.

## **Gospel - Luke 13:31-35** (Please remain seated)

Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.

<sup>31</sup> At that same time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, "You must get out of here and go somewhere else, because Herod wants to kill you." <sup>32</sup> Jesus answered them, "Go and tell that fox: 'I am driving out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I shall finish my work.' <sup>33</sup> Yet I must be on my way today, tomorrow, and the next day; it is not right for a prophet to be killed anywhere except in Jerusalem. <sup>34</sup> "Jerusalem, Jerusalem! You kill the prophets, you stone the messengers God has sent you! How many times I wanted to put my arms around all your people, just as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you would not let me! <sup>35</sup> And so your Temple will be abandoned. I assure you that you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'God bless him who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

## **Hymn – Where Cross The Crowded Ways Of Life** (Tune: LBW #269, please remain seated)

- 1 Where cross the crowded ways of life,  
where sound the cries of race and clan,  
above the noise of selfish strife,  
we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
- 2 In haunts of wretchedness and need,  
on shadowed thresholds dark with fears,  
from paths where hide the lures of greed,  
we catch the vision of your tears.



- 3 From tender childhood's helplessness,  
from human grief and burdened toil,  
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress,  
your heart has never known recoil.
- 4 The cup of water giv'n for you  
still holds the freshness of your grace;  
yet long these multitudes to view  
the strong compassion in your face.
- 5 O Master, from the mountainside  
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;  
among these restless throngs abide;  
oh, tread the city's streets again;
- 6 Till all the world shall learn your love,  
and follow where your feet have trod;  
till glorious from your heav'n above  
shall come the city of our God.

Text: Frank M. North, 1850-1935, alt.

## Message

### Security In Jesus Luke 13:31-35

## Response - My Faith Looks Up to Thee (LBW #479, please remain seated)

- 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

## **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: Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation. –  
silent prayer - Compassionate God, call your people to stand firm as citizens of heaven. As we are humbled by your wondrous love, nurture such mercy in our hearts and ministries. Hear us, O God.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: As spring approaches, display your faithfulness to creation in the changing of the seasons. Orchestrate the great song of praise that comes from rivers, birds, mountains, livestock, and wind. Hear us, O God.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: Drown out the terror in the world with acts of lovingkindness and generosity. Release all leaders from pride and fear to act justly and to serve citizens. Hear us, O God.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: Rush to answer those who cry out to you in time of trial. Give shelter to your vulnerable children and cover them in the comfort of your mothering wings. Hear us, O God.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

### Additional prayers:

Pastor: Hear us, O God

**People: Your mercy is great**

Pastor: Build up your holy community of saints through those who share your word of grace. Spread your word through your people for the sake of the world. Hear us, O God.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ 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.**

## **Blessing** (Please remain standing)

**Pastor:** God, who fills the creation with abundance, Christ, who spreads his arms in forgiveness, Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us, bless you and bring you to life everlasting.

**People:** **Amen.**

## **Dismissal** (Please remain standing)

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

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Closing Hymn – Faith Of Our Fathers** (Tune: LBW #500, please remain standing)

- 1 Faith of our fathers, living still  
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.  
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
whene'er we hear that glorious word.  
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,  
we will be true to you till death.
- 2 Faith of our mothers, daring faith,  
your work for Christ is love revealed,  
spreading God's word from pole to pole,  
making love known and freedom real.  
Faith of our mothers, holy faith,  
we will be true to you till death.
- 3 Faith of our sisters, brothers too,  
who still must bear oppression's might,  
raising on high, in prisons dark,  
the cross of Christ still burning bright.  
Faith for today, O living faith,  
we will be true to you till death.
- 4 Faith born of God, oh, call us yet,  
bind us with all who follow you,  
sharing the struggle of your cross  
until the world is made anew.  
Faith born of God, O living faith,  
we will be true to you till death.

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## **Announcements**

## **Recessional**

# Serving The Lord With Gladness

<b>Pastor:</b>	<b>Rev. Ricky Adams</b>
<b>Organist:</b>	<b>Janet Reese</b>
<b>Coffee:</b>	<b>Vicki McGowan</b>
<b>Counters:</b>	<b>Beverly Erbel</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Don Erbel and Beverly Erbel</b>
<b>Lay Reader:</b>	<b>Beverly Erbel</b>

## Activities This Week:

<b>Sunday – March 17</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Service of the Word</b>
<b>Tuesday – March 19</b>	9:30-12: 30 pm 4:30-6:30 pm	Stage Door (PH) Cindy Levy Music Class (LL)
<b>Wednesday – March 20</b>	2:45 – 6:15 pm 3:30-4:30 6:00 pm <b>7:00 pm</b>	Patricia Miner (N) Cindy Levy Music Class (LL) Stage Door (PH) <b>Council (PH)</b>
<b>Saturday – March 23</b>	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH)
<b>Sunday – March 24</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Service of the Word And Sacrament</b>

**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 Blessing to those celebrating birthdays this week.

**Friday - Vicki McGowan**

**Directory** – The New Directory is available for your use.

**Council** – The Church Council meets this Wednesday ay 7:00 pm in the Lounge

**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](mailto:pastor@plcmarin.org)

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# **Weekly Devotional Helps**

## **March 17, 2019 – March 23, 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 – March 18**

Psalm 105:1-15, 42  
Exodus 33:1-6  
Romans 4:1-12

### **Tuesday – March 19**

Psalm 105:1-15, 42  
Numbers 14:10b-24  
1 Corinthians 10:1-13

### **Wednesday – March 20**

Psalm 105:1-15, 42  
2 Chronicles 20:1-22  
Luke 13:22-31

### **Thursday – March 21**

Psalm 63:1-8  
Daniel 3:19-30  
Revelation 2:8-11



**Friday – March 22**

Psalm 63:1-8  
Daniel 12:1-4  
Revelation 3:1-6

**Saturday – March 23**

Psalm 63:1-8  
Isaiah 5:1-7  
Luke 6:43-45

**Scripture Readings For Next Sunday****Third Sunday In Lent**

**Isaiah 55:1-9**  
**Psalm 63:1-8**  
**1 Corinthians 10:1-13**  
**Luke 13:1-9**

**Upcoming 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.

**March 22 - Jonathan Edwards, teacher, missionary to American Indians, died 1758:** A Puritan minister in Connecticut, Edwards is remembered as being a great preacher. Though his most famous sermon talks at length about hell, he was more concerned with God's love. He served both as missionary to the Housatonic people in Massachusetts, and as president of the future Princeton University.