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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

March 18, 2018

Introduction

The topic for today's worship is 'bridge building'. In the readings today, we see God reaching to his people. In the first reading, God reaches to his people with a new covenant in which "I will be their God, and they shall be my people." In the Gospel reading, we see Jesus become the bridge to God as he draws all people to himself. In the second reading from Hebrews we see the ultimate bridge builder. Jesus is declared our 'High Priest' through whom we have access to God. The question for each of us today, "What bridges are we building?" Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today!

Prayer Before Worship - Lord, be with us this day as we commit ourselves to being your disciples. Help us to face the future unafraid, trusting in your loving care and presence with us. We pray this in Jesus' name. AMEN. — Nancy C. Townley, Ministry Matters Website

Pre-Service Music

Ring of The Bell

Welcome

Call To Worship (Please stand)

Pastor: Come, let us turn our hearts toward the Lord!
People: **Let us sing of God's power and grace.**

Glorify Thy Name (Stanza 1, WP #42, please remain standing)

1 Fa - ther,
 2 Je - sus, we love you, we wor - ship and a - dore you,
 3 Spir - it,

glo - ri - fy thy name in all the earth;
 glo - ri - fy thy name, glo - ri - fy thy name,
 glo - ri - fy thy name in all the earth.

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Pastor: May our spirits and lives be open to receive God's word.
People: **May we be ready to serve God by serving in God's world.**

Glorify Thy Name (Stanza 2, WP #42, please remain standing)

Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore you,
 glorify thy name in all the earth.
 Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,
 glorify thy name in all the earth."

Pastor: Bring your sorrows and joys, your hopes and your dreams before the Lord.
People: **We bring every aspect of our lives to God for healing and comfort.**

Glorify Thy Name (Stanza 3, WP #42, please remain standing)

Spirit, we love you, we worship and adore you,
glorify thy name in all the earth.
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,
glorify thy name in all the earth."

Psalm – Psalm 51:1-12 (Please remain standing)

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

People: Amen

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

People: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

Pastor: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

People: Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

Pastor: Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

People: You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Pastor: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

People: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

Pastor: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

People: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Pastor: Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

People: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

(We greet one another with the 'Peace of the Lord')

Entrance Hymn - Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain (LBW #301, please be seated)

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| 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 - Jeremiah 31:31-34 (Please remain seated)

The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because God will write it on their hearts.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Second Reading - Hebrews 5:5-10 (Please remain seated)

Using priestly imagery and references to the Old Testament, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation.

⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; ⁶as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” ⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel - John 12:20-33 (Please remain seated)

Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. ²⁷“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Hymn - In the Cross of Christ I Glory (LBW #104, please remain seated)

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| 1. In the cross of Christ I glory,
tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime. | 2. When the woes of life o'ertake me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me;
lo, it glows with peace and joy. |
| 3. When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming
adds more luster to the day. | 4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide. |

Text: John Bowring, 1792-1872

Message

Building Bridges Hebrews 5:5-10

Hymn - On a Hill Far Away (The Old Rugged Cross, TFF #7, please remain seated)

1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suff'ring and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain. *Refrain*

Refrain

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.

2. Oh, that old rugged cross so despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above,
to bear it to dark Calvary. *Refrain*

3. In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
a wondrous beauty I see;
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
to pardon and sanctify me. *Refrain*

4. To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,
its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Christ will call me some day to my home far away,
where his glory forever I'll share. *Refrain*

Text: George Bennard, 1873-1958

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

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 (From the Greek meaning 'supplication' or 'request'. 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, and for Robert Newton, our District president, and for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For our president, 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.

Lord's Prayer (Prayed 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.

Collect For Peace (Please remain standing)

Pastor: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: 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; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever.

People: **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)

Pastor: Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn - Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus (LBW #487, please remain standing)

1. Let us ever walk with Jesus,
follow his example pure,
through a world that would deceive us
and to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in his footsteps treading,
pilgrims here, our home above,
full of faith and hope and love,
let us do our Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where you guide.
2. Let us suffer here with Jesus,
and with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
where he is there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
we shall reap celestial joy:
all discomforts that annoy
shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share your woe;
help me there your joy to know.
3. Let us gladly die with Jesus.
Since by death he conquered death,
he will free us from destruction,
give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion
that would lead us into sin;
then by grace we all may win
untold fruits of his creation.
Jesus, unto you I die,
there to live with you on high.
4. Let us also live with Jesus.
He has risen from the dead
that to life we may awaken.
Jesus, since you are our head,
we are your own living members;
where you live, there we shall be
in your presence constantly,
living there with you forever.
Jesus, if I faithful be,
life eternal grant to me.

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Announcements

Recessional

Serving The Lord With Gladness

Pastor:	Ricky Adams
Organist:	Janet Reese
Coffee Hour:	Don and Beverly Erbel
Counter:	Vicki McGowan
Usher:	Rick Kenney
Lay Reader:	Art Strassburger

Activities This Week:

Sunday – March 18	9:30am	Service of the Word
Tuesday – March 20	9:30-12:30pm 4:15-5:45	Stage Door (PH) Kids Music (LL)
Wednesday – March 21	4:15-5:45 2:45 pm 6pm 6:30 pm	Kids Music Class (LL) Patricia Miner(S) Stage Door (PH) Council (LL)
Saturday – March 24	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.

Thursday – Vicki McGowan

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)**

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

Easter Lilies! – Each year at Easter, Peace Lutheran decorates the sanctuary with Easter Lilies. These Lilies are available to each person for a \$10.00 donation. If you would like Easter lilies, please sign up in the entry way of Peace Lutheran Church. Thank you!

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

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 18 – March 24, 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 19

Psalm 119:9-16
Isaiah 43:8-13
2 Corinthians 3:4-11

Tuesday – March 20

Psalm 119:9-16
Isaiah 44:1-8
Acts 2:14-24

Wednesday – March 21

Psalm 119:9-16
Haggai 2:1-9, 20-23
John 12:34-50

Thursday – March 22

Psalm 31:9-16
Deuteronomy 16:1-8
Philippians 2:1-11

Friday – March 23

Psalm 31:9-16

Jeremiah 33:1-9

Philippians 2:12-18

Saturday – March 24

Psalm 31:9-16

Jeremiah 33:10-16

Mark 10:32-34, 46-52

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday**Palm Sunday****Isaiah 50:4-9a****Psalm 31:9-16****Philippians 2:5-11****Mark 14:1--15:47****Commemorations**

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.

March 24 - Oscar Arnulfo Romero, Bishop of El Salvador, martyr, died 1980: Romero was deeply concerned with injustices evident toward the poor and powerless in El Salvador, and worked forthrightly against political repression. He was assassinated while presiding at the eucharist in a chapel near the cathedral in San Salvador.

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