



# **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!**

# **Palm Sunday / Sunday Of The Passion**

## **March 25, 2018**

### **Introduction**

The first and second readings and psalm are the same this Sunday every year:

Christ emptying himself of divine power and protection, willingly becoming vulnerable to those who struck him and put him to death. With Christ we lament his suffering and all human suffering, but expect God's final vindication. Mark's passion story begins with an unnamed woman anointing his head, perhaps to proclaim him Messiah, and Jesus saying she has anointed him beforehand for burial. Mark's Easter story will begin with women going to anoint Jesus for burial, only to find that he has been raised, God's living Anointed One. Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today!

**Prayer Before Worship** - Lord Jesus Christ, on the first Palm Sunday you entered the rebellious city where you were to die. Enter our hearts, we pray, and subdue them to yourself. And as your disciples blessed your coming and spread garments and branches in your way, make us ready to lay at your feet all that we have and are, that we too may bless your coming In the name of the Lord. ~ posted on the Church of Scotland's **Starters for Sunday** website.

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

**Ringling Of The Bell**

**Welcome**

**Invocation And Palm Sunday Gospel** (Mark 11:1-11, Please stand)

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

Pastor: <sup>1</sup>When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” <sup>11</sup>Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve. – This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**People: Thank be to God**

Pastor: Let us pray. ... O Lord, as once Your Son was welcomed with palms and hosannas as He made His way to the cross, so lead us to welcome Him by faith today. Give us Your Holy Spirit that we may believe in Him above all things, proclaim His saving death to the whole world, and rejoice in what He accomplished for us by the offering of Himself upon the cross; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People: Hosanna in the highest!**

Pastor: Let us go forth in peace.

**People: In the name of Christ!**

(Let us welcome one another ‘in the Name of the Lord’.)

## Hymn - All Glory, Laud and Honor (ELW #344, please remain standing)

*Refrain*



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,  
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;  
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;  
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*  
now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.  
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.  
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.  
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

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## First Reading - Isaiah 50:4-9a (Please be seated)

The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable themes in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

Lay Minister: <sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult

and spitting. <sup>7</sup>The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? - *This is the word of the Lord*

**People:**      **Thanks be to God**

## **Gradual** (Please remain seated)

Lay Minister: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People:**      **The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.**

John 12:13, 23

## **Second Reading - Philippians 2:1-11** (Please remain seated)

Christ did not act to attain status and glory but was obedient to God even to the point of death. Following Christ's example, we do not seek personal status or glory but care for others as God cared for us in Christ's death.

Lay Reader: If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. - *This is the Word of the Lord.*

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

## **Gospel Acclamation** (Please remain seated)

**Pastor:** Christ humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

**People:** **Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name.** — Philippians 2:8-9

## **Gospel - Mark 15:25-39** (Please remain seated)

The passion story in Mark's gospel presents Jesus as one who dies abandoned by all. He shows himself to be the true Son of God by giving his life for those who have forsaken him.

<sup>25</sup>It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup>The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." <sup>27</sup>And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>29</sup>Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, <sup>30</sup>save yourself, and come down from the cross!" <sup>31</sup>In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. <sup>32</sup>Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. <sup>33</sup>When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>34</sup>At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" <sup>35</sup>When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." <sup>36</sup>And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." <sup>37</sup>Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. <sup>38</sup>And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup>Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

## **Hymn - Were You There** (LBW #92, please remain seated)

1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

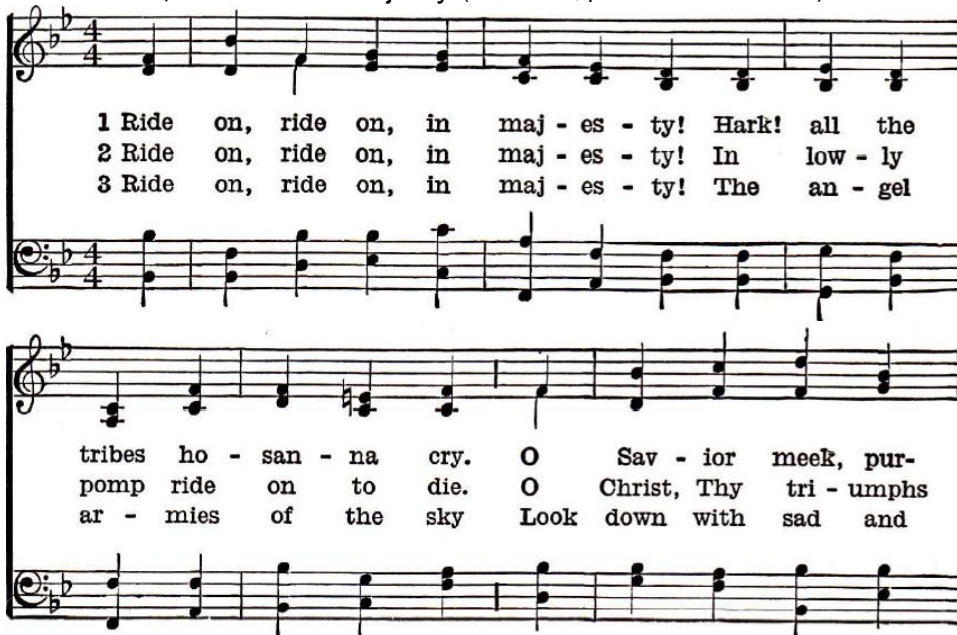
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
3. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
4. Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?  
Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?

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## Message

Live Your Life In A Manner Worthy Of The Gospel Of Christ  
Philippians 2:1-11

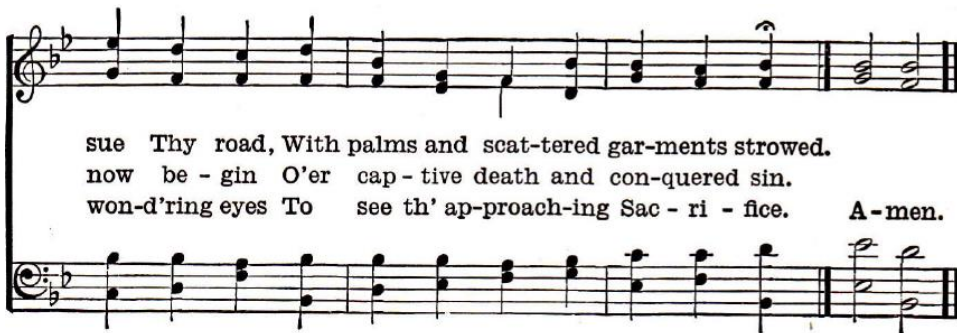
## Hymn - Ride On, Ride On In Majesty (TLH #162, please remain seated)



1 Ride on, ride on, in maj - es - ty! Hark! all the  
2 Ride on, ride on, in maj - es - ty! In low - ly  
3 Ride on, ride on, in maj - es - ty! The an - gel

tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur-  
pomp ride on to die. O Christ, Thy tri - umphs  
ar - mies of the sky Look down with sad and





4. Ride on, ride on, in majesty!  
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;  
The Father on His sapphire throne  
Expects His own anointed Son.

5. Ride on, ride on, in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,  
Then take, O Christ, Thy power and reign.

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## Prayer Of The Church (Please stand)

**Pastor:** Let us pray the Lord that He may hear us on behalf of the people of God and all people as they have need. - Silence for meditation and prayer - That the humility of our Lord's suffering and death bring forth in us the fruits of faith and renewed faithfulness, for us and for all who hear His Passion today, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** That the sufferings of Christ in our place not only strengthen us in faith but give us courage to proclaim His salvation to the ends of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** That the wounds of the sick, the suffering, the grieving, and the dying find healing in the wounds of Christ our Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: That His gracious humility in giving us His righteousness as our baptismal clothing and His flesh and blood as our true and everlasting food equip us with all that we need to do the good works of faith, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: That by His gracious example of humility unto death we learn humility of faith, repent of our sin and unrighteousness, and learn to delight in His will and walk in His ways all the days of our lives, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: That the Lord receive the tithes and offerings we bring, with the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving in our worship, as testament of our faith and as sign of our gratitude, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: That the Lord bless His Church, those who minister in His name, and all the baptized people of God in their vocations of worship, witness, intercession, and service, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Additional prayers

Pastor: That God visit His grace to us and to all nations, that we have good leaders and that we be good citizens, until the day when we join the saints before the Lord in His eternal city, where He has prepared for us an everlasting place, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

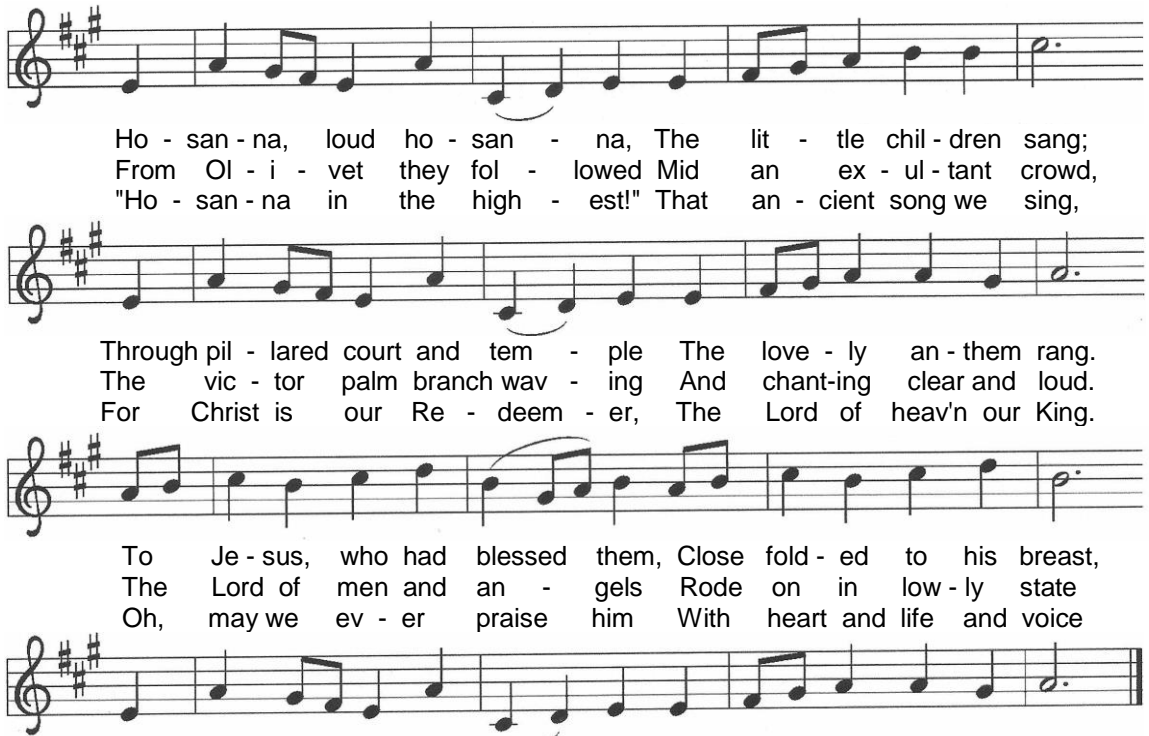
**Sharing The Gifts Of God** (Please be seated as the offerings are received)

**Offering Prayer** (Please remain seated)

Lay Minister: 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.**

## Hymn - Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (LW #106, please remain seated)



Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,  
"Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,  
Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang.  
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and loud.  
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n our King.  
To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close fold - ed to his breast,  
The Lord of men and an - gels Rode on in low - ly state  
Oh, may we ev - er praise him With heart and life and voice  
The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.  
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on his bid - ding wait.  
And in his bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

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## 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**

## The Words Of Our Lord (Please remain standing)

**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.

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

## **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)

## **Prayer After Communion** (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Let us pray. ... Almighty God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, chose to suffer pain before going up to joy and crucifixion before entering into glory, mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, find this path to be the way of life and peace; 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:** 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**

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

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

## **Closing Hymn - Go to Dark Gethsemane** (LBW #109, please remain standing)

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| 1. Go to dark Gethsemane,<br>all who feel the tempter's pow'r;<br>your Redeemer's conflict see.<br>Watch with him one bitter hour;<br>turn not from his griefs away;<br>learn from Jesus Christ to pray.  | 2. Follow to the judgment hall,<br>view the Lord of life arraigned;<br>oh, the wormwood and the gall!<br>Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!<br>Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;<br>learn from him to bear the cross. |
| 3. Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;<br>there, adoring at his feet,<br>mark that miracle of time,<br>God's own sacrifice complete.<br>"It is finished!" hear him cry;<br>learn from Jesus Christ to die. | 4. Early hasten to the tomb,<br>where they laid his breathless clay;<br>all is solitude and gloom.<br>Who has taken him away?<br>Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes.<br>Savior, teach us so to rise.                   |

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## **Announcements**

## **Recessional**

# Serving The Lord With Gladness

<b>Pastor:</b>	<b>Ricky Adams</b>
<b>Organist:</b>	<b>Janet Reese</b>
<b>Lay Minister:</b>	<b>Cynthia Smith</b>
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	<b>Mary Ann Griller, Vicki McGowan</b>
<b>Coffee Hour:</b>	<b>Vicki McGowan, Laureen Schneeberger</b>
<b>Counter:</b>	<b>Vicki McGowan, Cynthia Smith</b>
<b>Usher:</b>	<b>Gary Glover</b>
<b>Lay Reader:</b>	<b>Don Erbel</b>

## Activities This Week:

<b>Sunday – March 25</b>	9:30am	Service of the Word and Sacrament
<b>Tuesday – March 27</b>	9:30-12:30pm 4:15-5:45	Stage Door (PH) Kids Music (LL)
<b>Wednesday – March 28</b>	4:15-5:45 2:45 pm 6pm	Kids Music Class (LL) Patricia Miner(S) Stage Door (PH)
<b>Friday – March 30</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Good Friday Observance</b>
<b>Saturday – March 31</b>	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm 10:00	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH) Decorate Church
<b>Sunday – March 18</b>	<b>9:30am</b>  <b>10:45</b> <b>11:00</b>	<b>Service of the Word And Sacrament</b> <b>Easter Egg Hunt</b> <b>Easter Brunch</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.

**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](mailto: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 25 – March 31, 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 26**

Psalm 36:5-11  
Isaiah 42:1-9  
Hebrews 9:11-15

### **Tuesday – March 27**

Psalm 71:1-14  
Isaiah 49:1-7  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31

### **Wednesday – March 28**

Psalm 70  
Isaiah 50:4-9a  
John 13:21-32

### **Thursday – March 29**

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19  
Exodus 12:1-4, 5-14  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

**Friday – March 30**

Psalm 22

Isiah 52:13-53:12

Hebrews 10:16-25

**Saturday – March 31**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Romans 6:3-11

John 20:1-18

**Scripture Readings For Next Sunday****Resurrection Of Our Lord**

**Isaiah 25:6-9**

**Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

**Acts 10:34-43**

**Mark 16:1-8**

**Commemorations**

**March 25 - Annunciation of Our Lord:** Nine months before Christmas we celebrate the annunciation, in which the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would give birth to the Son of God. The ancient church believed that this was also the date of the world's creation and of Jesus' death on the cross.

**March 29 - Hans Nielsen Hauge, renewer of the church, died 1824:** Hauge was a layperson who wished to revitalize the church in Norway. As a result of a mystical experience, he felt called to preach. Many professionals in the church feared his motives and influence, and he was imprisoned for leading unauthorized gatherings.

**March 31 - John Donne, poet, died 1631:** After finishing his education at Oxford University, Donne seemed headed for a career in the English public service. But a series of circumstances led him into the ordained ministry. He is well known as a writer of both secular and sacred poetry.

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