



# **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!**

# Third Sunday In Lent

## March 4, 2018

### Introduction

The first reading is a glimpse of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The ten commandments are one of the chief parts of Luther's catechism, a core piece of baptismal instruction. They begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods. Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today!

**Prayer Before Worship** - Lord, we are brought to this place with the full awareness that all our riches, our "toys", our possessions still do not offer to us the peace we so desperately need. We chase after things and yet find it difficult to follow the path to the cross. Help us to be ready to hear your word for us, to experience your healing love, and to witness to your Good News. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN. — Nancy C. Townley, Ministry Matters Website

### Pre-Service Music

### Ringing Of The Bell

### Welcome

### Call To Worship (Psalm 19, Please stand)

Pastor: O Lord, throughout these forty days

People: **You prayed and kept the fast;**

Pastor: Inspire repentance for our sin,

People: **And free us from our past. Amen.**

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

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

**People: One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

Pastor: Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

**People: their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

Pastor: It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**People: It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

Pastor: The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

**People: The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

Pastor: The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

**People: More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

Pastor: By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

**People: Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

Pastor: Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

**People: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

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

## Entrance Hymn - Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty (LBW #250, please remain standing)

1. Open now thy gates of beauty,  
Zion, let me enter there,  
where my soul in joyful duty  
waits for God who answers prayer.  
Oh, how blessed is this place,  
filled with solace, light, and grace!
2. Gracious God, I come before thee;  
come thou also unto me;  
where we find thee and adore thee,  
there a heav'n on earth must be.  
To my heart, oh, enter thou,  
let it be thy temple now!
3. Here thy praise is gladly chanted,  
here thy seed is duly sown;  
let my soul, where it is planted,  
bring forth precious sheaves alone,  
so that all I hear may be  
fruitful unto life in me.
4. Thou my faith increase and quicken,  
let me keep thy gift divine;  
howsoe'er temptations thicken,  
may thy word still o'er me shine  
as my guiding star through life,  
as my comfort in all strife.
5. Speak, O God, and I will hear thee,  
let thy will be done indeed;  
may I undisturbed draw near thee  
while thou dost thy people feed.  
Here of life the fountain flows;  
here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672-1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

## First Reading - Exodus 20:1-17 (Please be seated)

After escaping from slavery, the Israelites come to Mount Sinai, where God teaches them how to live in community. The ten commandments proclaim that God alone is worthy of worship. Flowing from God, the life of the community flourishes when based on honesty, trust, fidelity, and respect for life, family, and property.

<sup>1</sup>God spoke all these words: <sup>2</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. <sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or

your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. <sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup>You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup>You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. <sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

## **Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

The word of the cross is pure foolishness and nonsense to the world because it claims that God is mostly revealed in weakness, humiliation, and death. But through such divine foolishness and weakness, God is working to save us. The center of Paul's preaching is Christ crucified.

<sup>18</sup>The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." <sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

## **Gospel - John 2:13-22** (Please remain seated)

Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the

temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

## Hymn - Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (LBW Tune #50, please remain seated)

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| <p>1. Christ is made the sure foundation,<br/>Christ, our head and cornerstone,<br/>chosen of the Lord and precious,<br/>binding all the church in one;<br/>holy Zion's help forever<br/>and our confidence alone.</p> | <p>2. To this temple, where we call you,<br/>come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;<br/>come, with all your lovingkindness,<br/>hear your people as they pray;<br/>and your fullest benediction<br/>shed within these walls today.</p> |
| <p>3. Grant, we pray, to all your faithful<br/>all the gifts they ask to gain;<br/>what they gain from you forever<br/>with the blessed to retain;<br/>and hereafter in your glory<br/>evermore with you to reign.</p> | <p>4. Praise and honor to the Father,<br/>praise and honor to the Son,<br/>praise and honor to the Spirit,<br/>ever three and ever one:<br/>one in might and one in glory<br/>while unending ages run!</p>                       |

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

## Message

Changed Through Law And Gospel  
 Exodus 20:1-17  
 John 2:13-22

## Hymn - My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (LBW #293, please remain seated)

1. My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
no merit of my own I claim,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name. *Refrain*
2. When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in ev'ry high and stormy gale  
my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

### *Refrain*

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand.

3. His oath, his covenant, his blood  
sustain me in the raging flood;  
when all supports are washed away,  
he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*
4. When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
oh, may I then in him be found,  
clothed in his righteousness alone,  
redeemed to stand before the throne! *Refrain*

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.

## 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 - God of Grace and God of Glory** (LBW #415, please remain standing)

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| <p>1. God of grace and God of glory,<br/>on your people pour your pow'r;<br/>crown your ancient church's story;<br/>bring its bud to glorious flow'r.<br/>Grant us wisdom, grant us courage<br/>for the facing of this hour,<br/>for the facing of this hour.</p> <p>3. Cure your children's warring madness;<br/>bend our pride to your control;<br/>shame our wanton, selfish gladness,<br/>rich in things and poor in soul.<br/>Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,<br/>lest we miss your kingdom's goal,<br/>let us miss your kingdom's goal.</p> | <p>2. Lo! The hosts of evil round us<br/>scorn the Christ, assail his ways!<br/>From the fears that long have bound us<br/>free our hearts to faith and praise.<br/>Grant us wisdom, grant us courage<br/>for the living of these days,<br/>for the living of these days,</p> <p>4. Save us from weak resignation<br/>to the evils we deplore;<br/>let the gift of your salvation<br/>be our glory evermore.<br/>Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,<br/>serving you whom we adore,<br/>serving you whom we adore.</p> |
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Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969

## **Announcements**

## **Recessional**

## Serving The Lord With Gladness

**Pastor:** Ricky Adams  
**Organist:** Janet Reese  
**Coffee Hour:** Jackie Stoneking  
**Usher:** MaryAnn Griller  
**Counter:** Don and Beverly Erbel  
**Lay Reader:** Beverly Erbel

### Activities This Week:

<b>Sunday – March 4</b>	9:30am	Service of the Word
<b>Tuesday – March 6</b>	9:30-12:30pm 4:15-5:45	Stage Door (PH) Kids Music Class (LL)
<b>Wednesday – March 7</b>	4:15-5:45 3 pm 6pm	Kids Music Class (LL) Patricia Miner(S) Stage Door (PH)
<b>Saturday – March 10</b>	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH)
<b>Sunday – March 11</b>	9:30am	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.

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

**Today** - Joshua Clark- Hexter

**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.

**Lay Ministers** – Lay Ministers meet next Sunday, March 11 following worship service.

**Daylight Savings** – Daylight Saving begins next Sunday Morning. Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday!

**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)

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# Weekly Devotional Helps

## March 4 – March 10, 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 5

Psalm 84  
1 Kings 6:1-4, 21-22  
1 Corinthians 3:10-23

### Tuesday – March 6

Psalm 84  
2 Chronicles 29:1-11, 16-19  
Hebrews 9:23-28

### Wednesday – March 7

Psalm 84  
Ezekiel 6:1-16  
Mark 11:15-19

### Thursday – March 8

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22  
Genesis 9:8-17  
Ephesians 1:3-6

**Friday – March 9**

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Daniel 12:5-13

Ephesians 1:7-14

**Saturday – March 10**

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Numbers 20:22-29

John 3:1-13

**Scripture Readings For Next Sunday****Fourth Sunday In Lent****Numbers 21:4-9****Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22****Ephesians 2:1-10****John 3:14-21****Commemorations****March 7 - Perpetua and Felicity and companions, martyrs at Carthage, died**

**202:** Vibia Perpetua was a noblewoman, and Felicity her slave, who were catechumens at Carthage, northern Africa. They, with four other catechumens, had defied the Roman emperor who had forbidden conversions to Christianity, and were put to death in the amphitheater.

**March 10 - Harriet Tubman, died 1913; Sojourner Truth, died 1883; renewers**

**of society:** Harriet Tubman, born into slavery, helped about 300 others to escape slavery until the institution was abolished. Sojourner Truth, whose birth name was Isabella, was freed after slavery was abolished, and discerned a call to be a preacher. Taking the name Sojourner Truth, she set out on an evangelistic journey, where people found her testimony to be deeply moving.

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