

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!

Second Sunday In Lent

March 8, 2020

As We Gather

That which is born of flesh cannot inherit the kingdom of God, only that which is born of the Spirit, born from above and born anew. With Nicodemus we marvel at Jesus' words. It is hard for us to admit that we cannot save ourselves but must be redeemed from sin and its death. Even more difficult is to see in the baptismal water that power of the Spirit connecting us to Christ's death and resurrection—giving us this new birth. "How can this be?" Nicodemus marvels at Jesus' words and promise, and so are we in awe of God's gracious favor: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today!

Prayer Before Worship - Gracious and glorious Lord, we come, as did Nicodemus, with questions on our hearts and in our lives. We come hoping someone can help us find answers and healing. But we are also hardened with doubts about self, others, and even you. Grant us healing and openness to your spirit that we may be better servants of your Word, your Will, and your Way. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen. — Nancy C. Townley, Ministry Matters Website

Pre-Service Music (A time for reflection)

Ring of The Bell

Welcome

Opening Psalm – Psalm 121 (Please stand)

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who is present, who gives life, who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

People: **Amen**

Pastor: I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

People: **My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

People: **He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

Pastor: The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

People: **The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

Pastor: The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

People: **The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.**

Entrance Song - By Grace We Have Been Saved (WP #25. Please remain standing)



1 By grace we have sinned been saved through faith and
2 For all have and fall - en short. God's
3 God gave to earth a per - fect love through
4 We know the wage of sin is death; thank
5 Set free, we now have peace with God. Sal -



not by keep - ing law. God's saints be - lieved by
plan, not one o - beyed. Christ has for all ful -
Je - sus on the cross. While we were foes, Christ
God, we shall re - vive. For just as Je - sus
va - tion is se - cured. How beau - ti - ful the



what they heard and not by what they saw.
filled the law. Be - lieve, con - fess, be saved.
died for us. We gained by God's own loss.
rose a - gain, we too are made a - live.
feet of those who share this gos - pel word.

Refrain



Oh, how I love Je - sus! Oh, how I love Je - sus!



Oh, how I love Je - sus, be - cause he first loved me!

Text: Rusty Edwards, stanzas: Frederick Whitfield, refrain. Music: OH< HOW I LOVE JESUS, North American traditional.
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Confession and Forgiveness

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism. Please remain standing)

Pastor: If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand? Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess. - Silence is kept for reflection. - Gracious God,

All: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your resurrection life. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.

Pastor: Receive good news: God turns to you in love. "I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God. All your sin is forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for you.

People: Amen.

Response - Restore in Us, O God (Tune: LBW #309. Please be seated)

- 1 Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;
renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.
- 2 O Spirit, wake in us the wonder of your pow'r;
from fruitless fear unfurl our lives like spring-time bud and flow'r.
- 3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the fullness of your joy;
baptize us in the risen life that death cannot destroy.
- 4 Three personed God, fulfill the promise of your grace,
that we, when all our searching ends, may see you face to face.

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First Reading - Genesis 12:1-4a (Please remain seated)

God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey, they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.

¹The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” ^{4a}So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

Second Reading - Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 (Please remain seated)

In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God’s promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.

¹What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. . . . ¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand)

Pastor: The Son of Man must be lifted up,

People: **that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.** (John 3:14-15)

Gospel - John 3:1-17 (Please remain standing)

A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Theme Song - God Loved the World (Tune: LBW #352. Please be seated)

- 1 God loved the world so that he gave
his only Son, the lost to save,
that all who would in him believe
should everlasting life receive.
- 2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,
who was made flesh and suffered death;
all who confide in Christ alone
are built on this chief cornerstone.
- 3 If you are sick, if death is near,
this truth your troubled heart can cheer;
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
that is the firmest ground of faith.
- 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
forgives all sins which you have done,
and justified by Jesus' blood,
your baptism grants the highest good.

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846-1923, alt.

Message

Born Extra Nos
John 3:1-17

Response - This Is the Spirit's Entry Now (Tune: LBW 464. Please remain seated)

- 1 This is the Spirit's entry now:
the water and the word,
the cross of Jesus on your brow,
the seal both felt and heard.

- 2 This miracle of life reborn
comes from the Lord of breath;
the perfect man from life was torn;
our life comes through his death.
- 3 Let water be the sacred sign
that we must die each day
to rise again by his design
as foll'wers of his way.
- 4 Renewing Spirit, hear our praise
for your baptismal pow'r
that washes us through all our days.
Lord, cleanse again this hour.

Text: Thomas E. Herbranson, b. 1933, alt. © Thomas E. Herbranson

Prayer Of The Church (Please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. — Silent prayer - For grace that we with Abraham hear and follow the call to faith and that God count such faith as righteousness, as once Abraham was commended to God, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For grace that, having received the new birth of water and the Spirit, we daily manifest this new life and show forth the fruits of this new birth in word and in deed, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For grace that our government and those who lead us be equipped with wisdom and courage to do what is pleasing in God's sight, for peace among the nations, and for the protection of the unborn and the frail against threat and abuse, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For grace, that God relieve the suffering and heal the sick according to His will, that He give peace to the dying and comfort the grieving with the hope of the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For grace that the forces of evil be hindered and for freedom that the Gospel be preached in every place and to every people, that they become with us sons and daughters of Abraham by faith, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For grace that we give thanks to God for all His gifts and blessings, for His mercies new every morning, and for generous hearts that we return to Him the tithes and offerings of money with our song of praise, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For grace, that we who approach the Lord's Table be prepared to receive there the holy body and precious blood of Christ and so be nourished and strengthened for His service, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Additional prayers:

Pastor: let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ.

People: Lord, have mercy and grant us Your grace always. Amen.

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

Communion Song - All Who Believe and Are Baptized

(LBW #194. Please remain seated)

- 1 All who believe and are baptized
shall see the Lord's salvation;
baptized into the death of Christ,
they are a new creation;
through Christ's redemption they will stand
among the glorious heav'nly band
of ev'ry tribe and nation.
- 2 With one accord, O God, we pray,
grant us your Holy Spirit;
help us in our infirmity
through Jesus' blood and merit;
grant us to grow in grace each day
by holy baptism, that we may
eternal life inherit.

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634-1703; tr. George T. Rygh, 1860-1943, alt.

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.**

Lord's Prayer (Please remain standing)

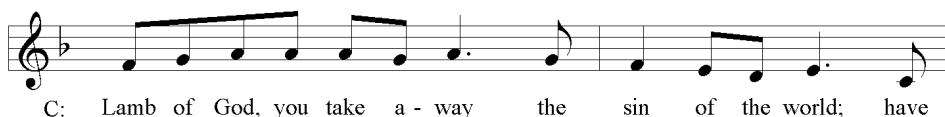
Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

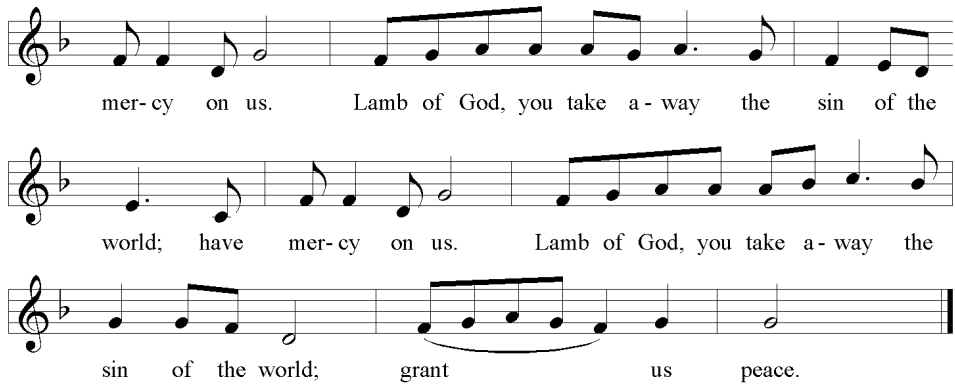
People: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

Lamb Of God (Please remain standing)





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 to the side. 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)

Post-Communion Thanksgiving (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Let us pray. . . . Almighty God, we give You thanks and praise that You called Abraham to be the servant of Your promise and our father in faith. We plead with Nicodemus to grant us Your grace that we be born anew in Baptism and inherit the Kingdom You have prepared for Your people. Guard our hearts against every pride and evil. Build within us the humility of faith, that we love You above all things and

walk in Your ways faithfully to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Benediction (Please remain standing)

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

Dismissal (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn - Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

(LBW #448. Please remain standing)

- 1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
 that saved a wretch like me!
 I once was lost, but now am found;
 was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
 and grace my fears relieved;
 how precious did that grace appear
 the hour I first believed!
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
 I have already come;
 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
 and grace will lead me home.

- 4 The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807

Announcements

Recessional

Serving The Lord With Gladness

Pastor:	Pastor Ricky Adams
Pianist:	Janet Reese
Lay Minister:	Rick Kenney
Altar Guild:	Vicki McGowan
Coffee:	Jackie Stoneking
Counter:	Vicki McGowan
Usher:	Don and Beverly Erbel
Lay Reader:	Cynthia Smith

Activities This Week:

Sunday – March 8	9:30 am	Service of the Word And Sacrament
Monday – March 9	6-8 p.m.	AA Meeting (PH)
Tuesday – March 10	9:30am -12: 30 pm 10:30 a.m.	Stage Door (PH) Brown Bag Dinner (LL)
Wednesday – March 11	6:00 pm	Stage Door (PH)
Saturday – March 14	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH)
Sunday – March 15	9:30 am	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.

New Directory – The new directory is available today!

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

Flowers – If you would like to donate flowers for worship in memory of a person or observing a personal event, please contact pastor via email at pastor@plcmarin.org

Sunday Bulletins - for Peace Lutheran church are available online for use during the worship service. The link is <http://bulletin.plcmarin.org>

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Weekly Devotional Helps

March 8 – March 14, 2020

Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Evening Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Prayer For The Sick

By your power, great God, our Lord Jesus healed the sick and gave new hope to the hopeless. Though we cannot command or possess your power, we pray for those who want to be healed. Mend their wounds, soothe fevered brows, and make broken people whole again. Help us to welcome every healing as a sign that, though death is against us, you are for us, and have promised renewed and risen life in Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings Through The Week

Monday – March 9

Psalm 128
Numbers 21:4-9
Hebrews 3:1-6

Tuesday – March 10

Psalm 128
Isaiah 65:17-25
Romans 4:6-13

Wednesday – March 11

Psalm 128
Ezekiel 36:22-32
John 7:53-8:11

Thursday – March 12

Psalm 95
Exodus 16:1-8
Colossians 1:15-23

Friday – March 13

Psalm 95
Exodus 16:9-21
Ephesians 2:11-22

Saturday – March 14

Psalm 95
Exodus 16:27-35
John 4:1-6

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

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

Commemorations

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.

March 12 - Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, died 604: Born into wealth and power, Gregory was for a time the chief administrator of the city of Rome. Giving this up for a life in the church, he was elected pope in 590. He influenced public worship through the establishment of a lectionary and prayers to correlate with the readings. Gregorian chant is named in his honor.

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