

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT



MARCH 22, 2026

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life.



We celebrate Christ's presence in the Sacrament of the Table each week at Peace. Christ, our Host, meets us in this meal of grace and offers himself, fully embodied, in the bread and wine. He invites all to come and meet him in this Holy Meal.

+ GATHERING +

P – Presider A – Assisting Minister C – Congregation L – Lector
ELW – Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal ACS – All Creation Sings Hymnal

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Don't Be Afraid

ACS #1027

Please rise in body or spirit and join the leader in singing the song through three times.

Don't be a-fraid. My love is stron-ger, my love is stron-ger than your
fear. Don't be a-fraid. My love is stron-ger and
I have prom-ised, prom-ised to be al-ways near.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *At the font*

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the pastor begins.

P When he rose from Jordan's waters, Jesus, the Beloved, was sent into the wilderness. As we journey through the season of Lent we enter the wilderness with him—the wilderness of temptation; the wasteland of broken places; the desert of dry bones. Standing before God in brokenness, regret, fear, and disillusionment, we are not alone. Christ meets us here in solidarity and compassion, and shows us how to be faithful. Let us turn to God and confess our sin, seeking forgiveness and a way to begin again.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Gracious God,

C have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you,

C Gracious God, have mercy on us.

P For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word,

C Gracious God, have mercy on us.

P For failing to recognize your coming reign and for hindering the work of the Spirit,

C Gracious God, have mercy on us.

P For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,
and for disdaining the living water Christ offers,

C Gracious God, have mercy on us.

P For witnessing acts of evil and concluding it's someone else's problem.

C Gracious God, have mercy on us.

P For disregarding voices from the margins,
and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world,

C Gracious God, have mercy on us.

P For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life,

C Gracious God, have mercy on us.

P Hear this, dear Siblings: God's steadfast love and grace abound.
Through Christ, our sins—though many—are † forgiven.
The Spirit of God dwells in us, casting out fear
and calling us to lives of peace and purpose.

**C Forgiven and freed, we follow our Lord.
Thanks be to God!**

HYMN OF HOPE

Though the Earth Shall Change

ACS #1035



Though the earth shall change, though the mountains tremble,



though the waters rage, you, God, are here.



Though the nations war, though the peoples battle,



though the empire falters, we will not fear.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death.
Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and
serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Julie Ward

Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God's life-giving spirit. Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they will know that "I am the LORD."

¹ The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵ Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹ Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹² Therefore prophecy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

L Holy wisdom. Holy word.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:6-11

For Paul, Christian spirituality entails living in the reality of the Holy Spirit. The driving force behind our actions and values is not our sinful desire for self-satisfaction but the very Spirit by which God raised Jesus from the dead and will also raise us from the dead.

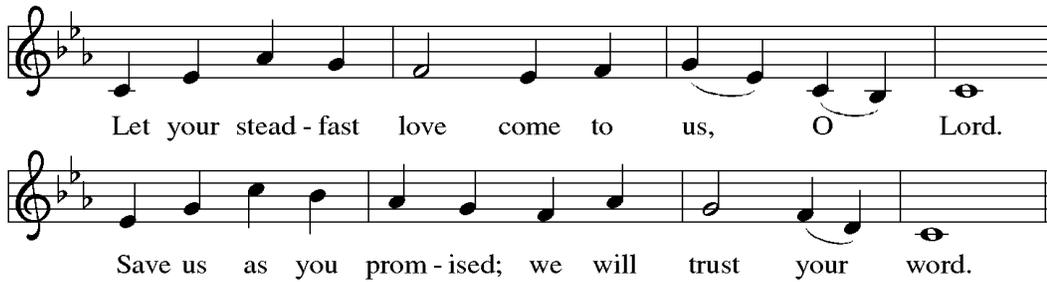
⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

L Holy wisdom. Holy word.

C **Thanks be to God.**

LENTEN ACCLAMATION *Please rise in body or spirit for the gospel acclamation.*



P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 11th Chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: John 11:1-45 *Today's story has been adapted for presentation by a quartet of readers.*

¹ Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴ But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶ after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸ The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹ Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰ But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." ¹¹ After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹² The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³ Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶ Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

⁴⁵ Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S TIME

Julie Ward

SERMON

Pastor Erik Kindem

Time for reflection

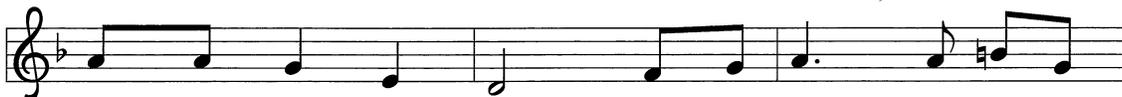
HYMN OF THE DAY

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

ELW #334



1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your
 2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed
 3 Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling
 4 God of all our fear and sor - row, God who



death we are re - born; though you die in all of
 on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and
 though our steps may be; one with you in joy and
 lives be - yond our death, hold us close through each to -



his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you
 bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the
 sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the
 mor - row, love as near as ev - 'ry breath, love as



rise with ev - 'ry morn.
 bod - y of our Lord.
 riv - er, you the sea.
 near as ev - 'ry breath.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *From the Iona Community*

P Let us affirm our faith using these words from the Iona Community.

**C We put our trust in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God’s presence,
to live with respect in creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Chris Kindem

A Reconciled by God’s mercy and sustained by God’s presence,
let us pray for the world and its needs.

Petitions are offered, ending with the response:

A Hear us, O God,

C your mercy is great.

When all petitions have been offered:

P Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our salvation.

C Amen.

+ MEAL +

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Your financial gifts today support the ongoing ministry of our congregation, cooperative ventures of ELCA congregations throughout Western Washington, and Evangelical Lutheran ministries around the world. We invite you to give generously! You can place your gift in the offering plate, mail in a check, or connect to our secure [Tithely Giving Page](#) via this QR CODE.

Whatever size, your gift makes difference—thank you for your support!





1 We raise our hands to you, O Lord, like
 2 What good and blessing you bestow are
 3 Oh, make our barren trees to grow, our



emp - ty ves - sels. Oh, come to us and
 free - ly giv - en. Your pow'r will make the
 hands to blos - som, and let our lives bring



give us life from springs where liv - ing wa - ters flow.
 weak - est strong and bar - ren branch - es start to bud.
 forth such fruit that heals our neigh - bor's grief and pain.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. O God, maker of heaven and earth,
 C **your steadfast love embraces all creation.**
You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth
and bring forth its bounty.
Through these gifts of bread and wine,
draw us into the death and life of your Son,
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.
 C **And also with you.**
 P Lift up your hearts.
 C **We lift them to the Lord.**
 P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
 P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with Earth and all her creatures, and all the choirs of angels, with the church on Earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
 C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy God, our living water and our merciful guide,
Together with rivers and seas, wells and springs we bless and magnify you.
Through Abraham and Sarah you promised to bless all nations,
Through the prophets you renewed your promise, breathing new life into dry bones.
And at this end of the ages, you came among us in Jesus,
joining us in our desert and pouring your life out for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

C **Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.**

P Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

C **This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me.**

P Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection,
we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.
Pour out your spirit on this holy food and all who gather for this feast:
Wash away our sin and quench our thirst,
that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ,
through whom all glory is yours, Almighty and Altender God,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, both now and forever.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(ecumenical version)*

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

C **Thanks be to God.**

DISTRIBUTION

Throughout Lent we will commune at the rail, either kneeling or standing. Gluten free bread is available. Both wine (dark) and grape juice (light) are available in the ceramic cups. Place your empty cup in the box at the end of the front pew on your way back. Children are welcome to receive when their parents believe they are ready, with the support of the pastor. Any who prefer a blessing may cross their hands over their chest as they come forward.

LAMB OF GOD

Sing through twice

ACS #932



1 *San - to Cor - de - ro, en cruz cla - va - do,*
1 Lamb of God most ho - ly, up - on the cross ex - tend - ed,



mue - res car - ga - do con mi mal - dad.
all my sin you car - ry, the bur - den of my soul.



¡A - mor ex - cel - so! Mis pe - nas pa - gas,
What love a - maz - ing! What price un - bound - ed!



y por tus lla - gas sa - lud me das.
Your bod - y, wound - ed, will make me whole.

COMMUNION HYMN

Now the Silence

ELW #460



Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty hands up - lift - ed



Now the kneel - ing Now the plea Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come



Now the hear - ing Now the pow'r Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing



Now the bod - y Now the blood Now the joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion



Now the wed - ding Now the songs Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing



Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - a - ny



Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray. God of our salvation,
C we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.
Through the body and blood of your Son,
make us Christ's body in the world,
bearing witness to your love for all creation,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

+ SENDING +

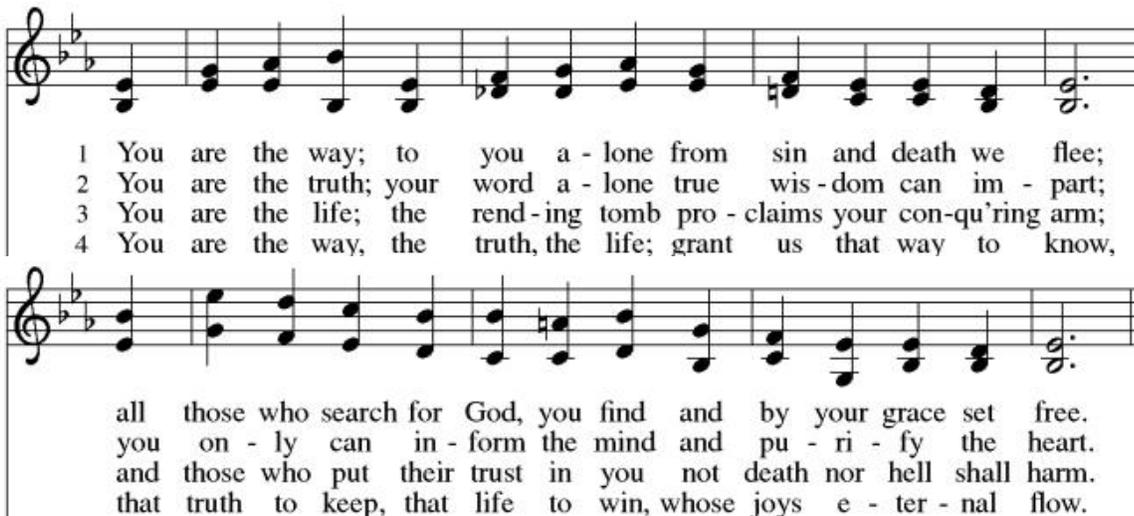
BLESSING

P God, who calls all things into existence,
Jesus Christ, who shows us a Way beyond fear,
Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,
✠ bless you now and always.
C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

You Are the Way

ELW #758



1 You are the way; to you a - lone from sin and death we flee;
2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;
3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,
all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve in love.
C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

*In consideration for those who wish to remain for the postlude,
those who depart are invited to do so quietly.*



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Nursery Attendant	Heidi Coy

OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

The 2026 budget authorized by the congregation at the Annual Meeting calls for an average of \$30,017 in offering income monthly. Thank you for your gifts which support God's mission at Peace, in the Northwest region, and internationally through the ELCA!

Offering Income received in March 2026

03/01/26	\$ 4,170.00
03/08/26	\$ 1,763.00
03/15/26	\$ 2,840.00
<u>Electronic</u>	<u>\$ 9,423.74</u>
Total for March	\$18,196.74

THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

Lenten Fast Week 6: Today is World Water Day. Called as we are to care for creation, it's our responsibility to help ensure everyone everywhere has ample, safe water to drink. Here in Washington, agriculture is the largest source of point pollution for our streams and rivers that doesn't have an identifiable single source. Sustainable farming practices can significantly reduce that threat by minimizing runoff, evaporation, and inefficient usage. There's no single certification you can look for to ensure your food was sustainably raised. But you can look for WSDA Organic Certification and Sustainable WA certification for wines. And you can ask the farmers at the markets how they farm!

FINAL WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPER THIS WEEK

Join us for the final Wednesday gathering for Soup Supper at 6 pm followed by Lenten Evening Prayer at 7pm.

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY MARCH 29

Holy Week begins with our Cross-Generational Gathering @ 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall. Palm/Passion Sunday. Explore the events of Holy Week with your family. You will pray in the garden, join the parade into Jerusalem, "eat" with the disciples, and more. If you adopted a Stations of the Cross coloring page, don't forget to bring it with you. Bring a breakfast goodie to share if able. Each year we remember the events of our Lord's journey to the cross, which is the means of healing from all that is broken in our world. We'll meet on the westside patio for the Liturgy of the Palms, and then process to the sanctuary for the remainder of the service. Rhythm instruments will be available for young people to add their own beat to the drum of the procession. Following the children's message and sermon, we'll shift to the Liturgy of the Passion as we hear the Passion Story according to Matthew.

TRIDUUM: THREE DAYS, ONE SERVICE APRIL 2, 3, 4 @ 7pm

Mark your calendars for the Triduum. Each service will take place in the chancel this year. **Maundy Thursday, April 2, 7:00 pm**, we hear the story of Jesus washing his disciples' feet and commanding them to "love one another." **Come @ 6:45pm for fellowship and a taste of Mideastern Foods in the narthex.** The service will include various stations, and a celebration of the Eucharist. **Good Friday, April 3, 7:00 pm**, gathering in the chancel around a cross composed of candle boxes, we offer our individual petitions to the One whose light no darkness can master. We hear the Passion story from St. John, and pray for the whole world. **Easter Vigil, April 4, 7:00 pm**, is the final part of this service. We strike the New Fire, follow the Paschal Candle in procession, hear stories about the mighty acts of God through Israel's story, renew our Baptisms, and celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter.

EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION APRIL 5th

The Resurrection of Our Lord begins with Easter Brunch from 9:00 - 10:00am served by Peace Youth. A freewill offering will be received to support Youth Ministry. Children's Activities take place @ 9:45am, followed by 10:30am Festival Worship with Bells, Choir, Brass, and Organ. *Plan to bring a friend or visiting family member to join in this celebration!*

2025 THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS EXPIRE 3/31/26

Congratulations! In 2025, Peace Lutheran received \$949 through the Thrivent Choice[®] program — and that's worth celebrating! 🎉 Thrivent clients with membership: Don't forget to direct 2025 Choice Dollars[®] by March 31 at thrivent.com/thriventchoice.

HOLDEN VILLAGE ON-LINE AUCTION MARCH 25-29

Holden Village's biggest fundraising event is back for the fifth year from March 25-29! The all-online auction proceeds keep the daily operations and programs of the Village running. **This is especially important this year, with the Holden's temporary closure.** To ensure the best auction experience, be sure to register now. Note: We're using a new auction platform. Registrations from previous Holden auctions will not carry over.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS

The news from the Middle East is heavy and unrelenting, marked by escalating conflict and devastating humanitarian consequences. The costs, as Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry has stated, "will be borne by

those least able to avoid it — children, families and those without the means to flee. Its deadly toll has been, and will continue to be, paid with the lives of our neighbors, including our siblings in Christ in the Middle East.” Lutheran Disaster Response is working with our companions on the ground, including the Middle East Council of Churches, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, and the Lutheran World Federation, to provide critical assistance, including:

- **Emergency food and water:** Ensuring basic needs are met for those displaced and vulnerable.
- **Shelter and essential supplies:** Offering a safe haven and providing blankets, hygiene kits and other necessities.
- **Trauma-informed care:** Helping individuals and families cope with the emotional and psychological impact of conflict.
- **Long-term recovery efforts:** Supporting communities when the time comes to rebuild and recover, promoting sustainable solutions for a brighter future.

Will you join us in offering hope to those suffering in the Middle East? Your generosity will provide both immediate and long-term assistance.

To give by phone, call **800-638-3522**. Operators are ready to assist you Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Central Time. Checks or money orders can be mailed to: **Lutheran Disaster Response, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009** Or checks can be made out to Peace with “Lutheran Disaster Response Middle East Crisis” written in the memo line.

PRAYER LIST

Please continue to remember the sick and home-bound of our congregation and others who have sought our prayers: **Sick/Recovering:** Gary Aguilar; Georgia Apodoca; Deric Bevier; Jan Burt; Cindy Collie; Melanie Couslon; Shelly Crisologo; Vonda Cuchine; Justin Dexter; Stephens Dooley; Jeffrey Epley; Cecilia Fenton; Herman Fleck; Betty Fleck; Bob Gaines; Donna Heiland; Evelyn Horton; Cade Howard; Maria Iriarte; Jacqueline; Jane; James Jelasic; Ken Keyes; Kari Kindem; Kristofer Kindem; Sandy King; Gordon Knight; Jason Knudsen; Lu Kramer; John Lindsay; Evelyn Martinez; Vicki Martinez; Helen McBride; Quinn Meeker; Erik Nelson; Michael Pawlowski; Michelle Pierce; June Killinger Poginy; Hadyn Prugh; Rebecca; Kelly Renfro; Sarah; Robert Shampain; Wendy Sharp; Aaden Smith; Sarah Taylor; Kristy W.; Angela Walker; Megan Webber; Willy; Paul Winterstein. **Homebound:** Connie Benjamin; Joyce Bitner; Bob Gaines; Lu Kramer; Marjorie Johnson; Helen Nesbitt; Inta Zagars

We express our Christian sympathy to 1. The Burrell family on the death of Edna Burrell, niece of Jerry Heiland; 2. The Lukens family on the death of Janet Lukens, mother of Jim Lukens; 3. The Boivin family on the death of Marlen Boivan, friend of Kathleen Keyes; 4. The Earl family on the death of 16 year old Parker Earl; and 5. The Harrison family on the death of 10 year old Jeremy Harrison.

PROTOCOL FOR PRAYER LIST We will keep people on the prayer list for one month unless otherwise specified or unless you contact the Peace office to extend the time.

RECONCILING IN CHRIST AFFIRMATION OF WELCOME

Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness in a world that can be filled with alienation and brokenness. In faithfulness to the Gospel and to our Lutheran heritage, we answer Christ’s call to be agents of healing and safety, particularly for people who have been marginalized by our society. As a Christian community, we recognize that our congregation is strengthened by diversity, the embrace of equity, and our commitment to anti-racism. We welcome and celebrate the inclusion of those of any



race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression into the life and mission of our congregation. We invite all people to join us as we work to better understand the meaning of grace for our lives.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We respectfully acknowledge that we gather on the ancestral homeland of the DUWAMISH PEOPLE. We recognize the DUWAMISH and other SALISH PEOPLES, the FIRST STEWARDS of this land, who have called this region home—and continue to call it home—from time immemorial. We join with them and with all people who see the Earth, its creatures, watersheds, and habitats, as part of an integral whole reflecting our Creator’s intention for wholeness and balance.

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HELP THE WESTSIDE NEIGHBORS SHELTER OUT THIS LENT



Peace Lutheran's Social Ministry Committee is asking for help to provide support for our homeless neighbors during Lent. There are bins in the narthex to collect your donations. The Westside Neighbors Shelter is currently feeding upwards of 90 individuals (men and women) a day at breakfast.

Following is an abbreviated list of food, clothing and other items needed.

For a complete list go to westsideneighborsshelter.org

Donate food for their breakfast:



- Ground coffee (please, no whole bean coffee or Keurig pods. Folgers 3# cans are great!)
- Bulk oatmeal
- Powdered coffee creamer (like Coffeemate)
- Instant hot cocoa mix (for use with hot water)
- Sugar in five- or ten-pound bags
- Pancake syrup
- Peanut butter
- Ketchup (20 oz. bottle or smaller)
- Vegetable oil for cooking



Donate to help with other ongoing needs:

- 12-ounce hot paper cups (no lids, compostable please)
- 20-ounce paper bowls
- 10-inch paper plates (Dixie Ultra is good)
- Paper towels and napkins
- Disinfectant wipes and spray cleaner



Donate clothing:

(A note about clothing donations: We appreciate them very much! What the clients need is clothing useful for adults living outside: sweats, jeans, socks, underwear, jackets.)

- Stocking caps
- Winter gloves
- Medium and heavy weight winter coats/rain jackets
- Sweatpants for both men and women (larger sizes for men, smaller for women)
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste, dental floss
- Men's and women's underwear (new in the package, please)



Peace will be collecting the items from now until Palm Sunday, March 29

Questions? – Contact Audrey Zemke (zemkefamily@comcast.net) or Mary Jacob (maryjacob1946@gmail.com)