

Palm/Passion Sunday



March 29, 2026

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

WELCOME TO PEACE! TO JOIN TODAY'S PROCESSION:

Get a copy of the Worship Bulletin and a branch or plant cluster in the narthex.

Then, and after the Welcome, we'll reconvene on the westside patio.

Those who prefer to be seated may find a place in the sanctuary.

Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: we wave branches in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

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

WELCOME *Those who wish are welcome to play a rhythm instrument during the procession.*

THE PROCESSION WITH BRANCHES

P Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna in the highest!

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st Chapter.

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

C Tell the daughter of Zion, ‘Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’

P The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

C “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

P When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?”
The crowds were saying,

C “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Lift your branches high as the procession begins.

P Let us go forth in peace.

C In the name of Christ! Amen!

Follow the procession from the patio to the entrance to the nave, lifting your branches with every “Hosanna!”

P Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

C Hosanna to the Son of David!

Follow the procession into the nave as we sing All Glory, Laud, and Honor.


+ PROCESSION +

PROCESSIONAL HYMN


All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ELW #344


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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Nicole Klinemeier

SERMON

Two Competing Parades

Pastor Erik Kindem

Time for reflection

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Chris Kindem

The servant of the Lord expresses absolute confidence in his final vindication, despite the fact that he has been struck and spit upon. This characteristic of the servant played an important role in the early church's understanding of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

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 wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I 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.

⁷The 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;

⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31:9-16 Congregation joins choir on each refrain.



1. In you, O Lord I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.
In your justice rescue me, oh my faithful Lord, in your hands I commend my spirit.
2. For all my foes reproach me; all my friends are now put to flight.
I am forgotten, like the unremembered dead, like a dish that now is broken.
3. I place my trust in you, Lord; in your hands is my destiny.
Let your face shine upon your servant, Lord, in your hands I will place my life.

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

Paul uses an early Christian hymn to help us comprehend Jesus' obedient selflessness on the cross and how God has made Christ lord over all reality. The perspective of the cross becomes the way we rightly understand God, Christ, our own lives, and fellowship within the community of Christ.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.
⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

✠ THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO MATTHEW ✠

*Today we hear a portion of the story of Christ's passion from the Gospel of Matthew
beginning with his arrest: his trial before Pontius Pilate, his crucifixion, death, and burial.*

HYMN

My Song is Love Unknown

ELW #343

TUNE: RHOSYMEDRE

1. My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
My Lord should take frail flesh and die?
2. He came from his blest throne salvation to be stow;
The world that was his own would not its Savior know.
But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend!
Who at my need his life did spend!

PASSION STORY

^{27:1} When morning came [after his arrest], all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. ² They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor...

¹¹ Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." ¹² But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. ¹³ Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" ¹⁴ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

¹⁵ Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. ¹⁶ At that time they had a notorious prisoner called Jesus Barabbas. ¹⁷ So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" ¹⁸ For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. ¹⁹ While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." ²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. ²¹ The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas."

²² Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” All of them said, “Let him be crucified!” ²³ Then he asked, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”

²⁴ So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.”... ²⁶ So he released Barabbas for them, and after flogging Jesus he handed him over to be crucified.

²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. ²⁸ They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and after twisting some thorns into a crown they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” ³⁰ They spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹ After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

HYMN

My Song is Love Unknown

ELW #343

3. Sometimes we strew his way and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day hosannas to our king.
Then “Crucify!” is all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry;
and for his death we thirst and cry.
4. We cry out, we will have our dear Lord made away,
a murderer to save, the prince of life to slay.
Yet cheerful he to suff’ring goes, that he his foes from thence might free;
that he his foes from thence might free.

PASSION STORY:

³² As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³ And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴ they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵ And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; ³⁶ then they sat down there and kept watch over him. ³⁷ Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”

³⁸ Then two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁹ Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” ⁴¹ In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, ⁴² “He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. ⁴³ He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to, for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’ ” ⁴⁴ The rebels who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

⁴⁵ From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ⁴⁶ And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” ⁴⁷ When some of the bystanders heard it, they

said, “This man is calling for Elijah.”⁴⁸ At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink.⁴⁹ But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”⁵⁰ Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.⁵¹ At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split.⁵² The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised.⁵³ After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many.⁵⁴ Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

HYMN

My Song is Love Unknown

ELW #343

5. In life no house, no home my Lord on earth might have;
in death no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav’n was his home but mine the tomb wherein he lay;
but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

6. Here might I stay and sing—no story so divine!
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend!
I all my days could gladly spend!

PASSION STORY:

⁵⁵ Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him. ⁵⁶ Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

⁵⁷ When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph, who also was himself a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸ He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. ⁵⁹ So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth ⁶⁰ and laid it in his new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. ⁶¹ Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

⁶² The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate ⁶³ and said, “Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise again.’ ⁶⁴ Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise, his disciples may go and steal him away and tell the people, ‘He has been raised from the dead,’ and the last deception would be worse than the first.” ⁶⁵ Pilate said to them, “You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.” ⁶⁶ So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

The Passion of our Lord.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Arr. Joel Raney

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Paul Bliss

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

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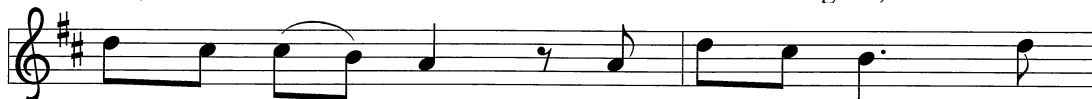
OFFERTORY HYMN

We Raise Our Hands to You, O Lord

ELW #690



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; whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with earth and sea and all their creatures, 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:
Heav'n 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, hosanna in the highest!**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy, mighty and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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 for the remembrance of 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 for the remembrance of me.**

P Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving Passion and death, and his glorious resurrection, we give thanks to you, O God, not as we ought, but as we are able; and we implore you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving, and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine; that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son may be filled with heavenly peace and joy, and, receiving forgiveness of sin, may be sanctified in soul and body, and have our portion with all your saints. All glory and honor is yours, O God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of all, in your holy Church, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(ecumenical)*

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C **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 *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. Today we commune processionaly. Gluten free bread is available. Both wine (dark) and grape juice (light) are available in the ceramic cups. Children are welcome to receive when their parents believe they are ready, with the support of the pastor.*

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 HYMNS

Were You There

ELW #353



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?
2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

Refrain



Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

Now We Join in Celebration

ELW #462



1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
 3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
 For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
 rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
 of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
 Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
 pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav'n - ly glad - ness.
 seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence,
Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,
✠ bless you now and always.
C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

ELW #803




1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a
prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,
count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

DISMISSAL

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



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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
03/22/26	\$13,980.00
<u>Electronic</u>	<u>\$12,115.30</u>
Total for March	\$34,868.30

THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

On Good Friday, we confront the ways we have caused suffering in the world. As we remember the death of Jesus, let us acknowledge the suffering we have inflicted upon God's Creation. In our mourning, may we resolve to be healers and helpers. May we actively participate in the resurrection of our environment.

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

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 prior to worship.** The service will take place in the chancel and will include three stations for experiential exploration: Baptismal renewal, foot/hand washing, prayer activity. Holy Communion will be celebrated.

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'll strike the New Fire on the Westside patio, follow the Paschal Candle in procession, hear stories about the mighty acts of God, renew our Baptisms, hear the Easter proclamation, and celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter.

BRING BELLS TO EASTER VIGIL! We invite you to bring bells (or anything that rings, clangs, or jingles) to this Saturday's Easter Vigil as we join in the ancient custom of heralding the Resurrection with our joyful sounds!

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!*

CHRISTIAN ED/FAITH FORMATION NEWS

There are no Adult Forum or Sunday School Classes on Easter. They will resume April 12.

LOOKING AHEAD: A special Offering of Letters/Bread for the World Sunday will be held May 3rd. Our final Education program Sunday this spring will be May 17th. A special project is being developed for that Sunday. Please put it on your calendar and help us to finish the year with strength!

2025 THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS EXPIRE 3/31/26

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 <https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-choice>

HOLDEN VILLAGE ON-LINE AUCTION ENDS TODAY

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. 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.](#) Click on the above link 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

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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