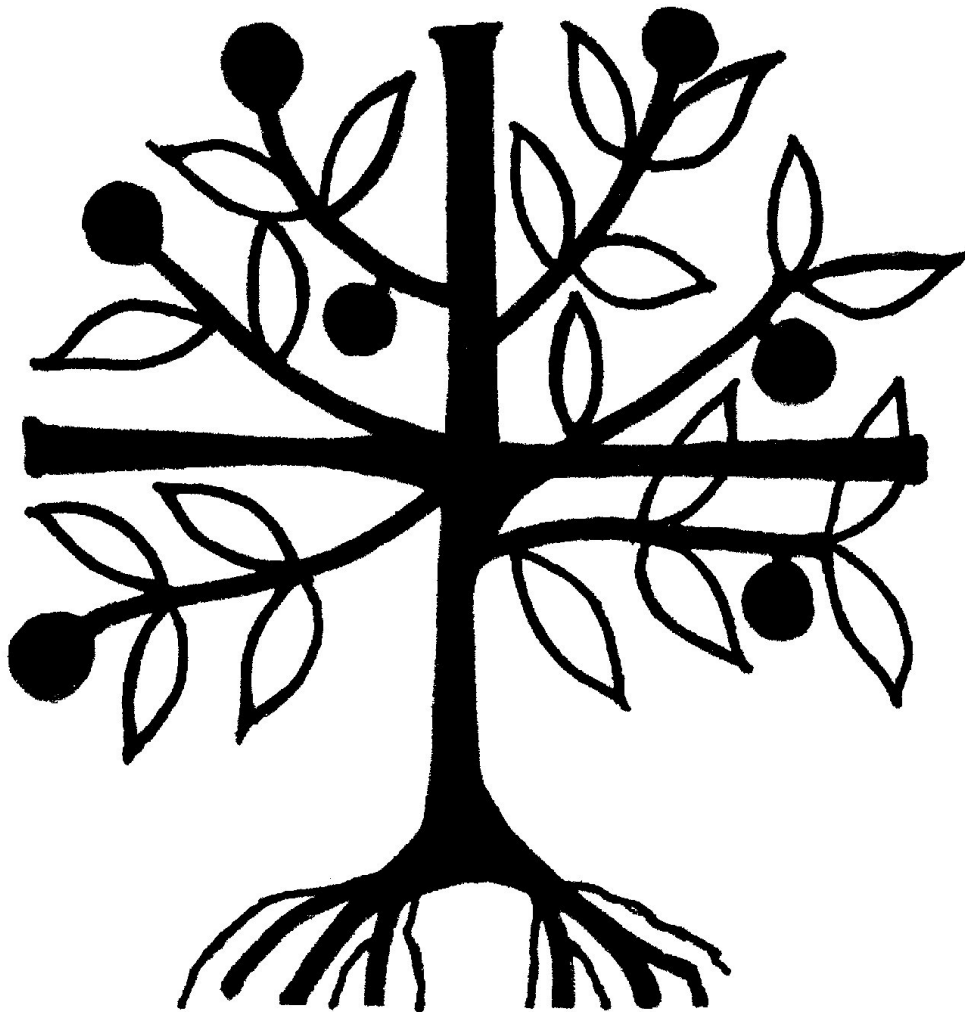


**Sixth Sunday After Epiphany  
In-Person and Online Worship Bulletin  
February 16, 2025**



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# Welcome to Peace Lutheran Church

## Mission Statement

We are called to be an inclusive community,  
sharing God's grace through worship, service,  
and hospitality.

We of Peace Lutheran Church welcome all people to  
full participation in the life of the church regardless of race,  
ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression,  
or physical or mental disability.

*Children are welcome in any worship service at Peace Lutheran Church.*

It is a pleasure to have you worship with us this week  
and we invite you to worship with us again soon.  
If you are in need of assistance of any kind, please speak with an usher.

P= Presider, A= Assisting Minister, C= Congregation

PRELUDE

*Steal Away*

--Spiritual /arr. Martin

⊕ ----- GATHERING ----- ⊕

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
our creator,  
our protector,  
our wellspring of life..

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Merciful God,

C: **you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**

**Forgive us for the ways we act  
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.  
We ignore the needs of our neighbors;  
we resist your call to oppose injustice;  
we give in to scarcity and fear;  
we assume the worst about one another.  
Cleanse us from our faults  
and release us from their grasp.  
Show us your lovingkindness.  
Restore our hearts and repair your world,  
that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

P: God proclaims these words of assurance:  
 "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.  
 I have called you by name. You are mine."  
 In † Christ, you are forgiven.  
 In the Spirit, you are made free.  
 Refreshed by the waters of mercy,  
 live anew as beloved children of God.

C: **Amen.**

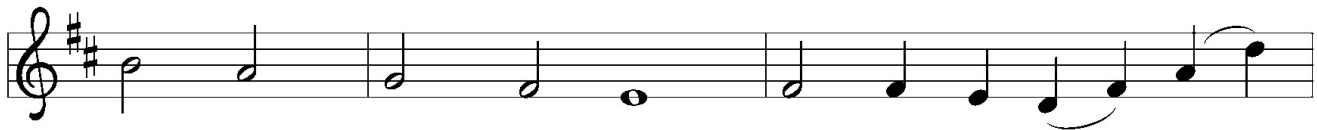
**\*GATHERING HYMN**

*Jesus Shall Reign*

**ELW 434**



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -  
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his  
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners  
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
 throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -  
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
 hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

**\*GREETING**

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.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A: Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

**FIRST READING**

**Jeremiah 17: 5-10**

- <sup>5</sup> Thus says the LORD:  
Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.
- <sup>6</sup> They shall be like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see when relief comes.  
They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.
- <sup>7</sup> Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,  
whose trust is the LORD.
- <sup>8</sup> They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.  
It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.
- <sup>9</sup> The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse—  
who can understand it?
- <sup>10</sup> I the LORD test the mind  
and search the heart,  
to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of their doings.

L: The Word of the Lord  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

**Psalm 1**

*read responsively*

- <sup>1</sup> Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- <sup>2</sup> **Their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**
- <sup>3</sup> They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do  
not wither;  
everything they do shall prosper.
- <sup>4</sup> **It is not so with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**
- <sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- <sup>6</sup> **For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

## SECOND READING

## 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

<sup>12</sup> Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; <sup>14</sup> and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. <sup>15</sup> We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. <sup>17</sup> If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup> If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p.102

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
*Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

P: The Gospel according to Luke, the sixth chapter

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

### \*GOSPEL

### Luke 6: 17-26

<sup>17</sup> [Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>18</sup> They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup> And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

<sup>20</sup> Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup> “Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup> “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup> Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup> “But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup> "Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup> "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

**SERMON**

**Pastor Hannah DiPasquale**

*Silence for Reflection*

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

***Light Dawns on a Weary World***

**ELW 726**



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to  
2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find  
3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea-tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a  
bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a  
lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom-ised day of jus - tice comes.  
wea - ry world: the prom-ised feast of plen - ty comes.  
wea - ry world: the prom-ised green of E - den comes.



*Refrain*

The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun-tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won-der ech - oes sha - lom.

## \*THE APOSTLES' CREED

**C:** I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.

## \*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**A:** God of grace,  
**C:** hear our prayer.

Saints of Peace:

**William McAuliffe, Jim Jacobson, Edward Leitko, Janaan Diemer, Ed Koeltzow,  
Irma Tessneer**

**P:** We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise  
is revealed among the people. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C:** Amen.

## \*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**C:** And also with you.

*In-Building: Please share signs of peace in whatever way you are comfortable and  
is respectful of your neighbor's comfort level.*

*Online: You may share signs of peace in the chat .*

⊕ -----MEAL----- ⊕

## OFFERING

*Gifts for the work and ministry of Peace Lutheran Church can be placed in the offering  
plates or mailed to the Church Office or sent through on-line giving on our website.*

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

**Come Sunday**  
Flora Newberry, trumpet

**--Duke Ellington**  
arr. Alice Parker

**\*OFFERTORY**

*Doxology*

(Old 100th)



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God all



crea - tures here be - low; Praise God a - bove, ye



hea - v'nly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A: God of grace,  
C: **your love reaches to the heavens,  
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.  
Bless what we offer to your service:  
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.  
Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,  
now and always.  
Amen.**

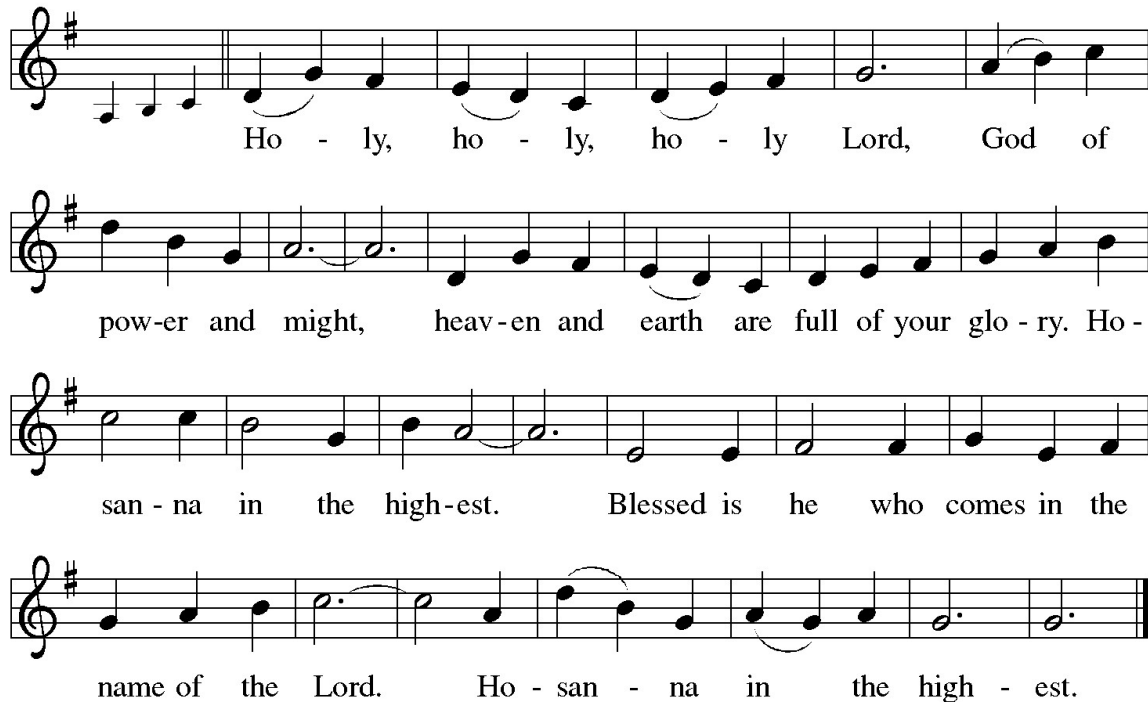
**\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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 God thanks and praise!**

**\*PREFACE**

P: ...And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

**Padre nuestro que estás en el Cielo,  
santificado sea tu nombre,  
venga a nosotros tu Reino,  
hágase tu voluntad  
en la Tierra como en el Cielo.  
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.  
Perdona nuestras ofensas,  
como también  
perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.  
No nos dejes caer en tentación,  
y líbranos del mal.  
Porque tuyo es el Reino, tuyo el Poder,  
y tuya la Gloria,  
ahora y siempre. Amén.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

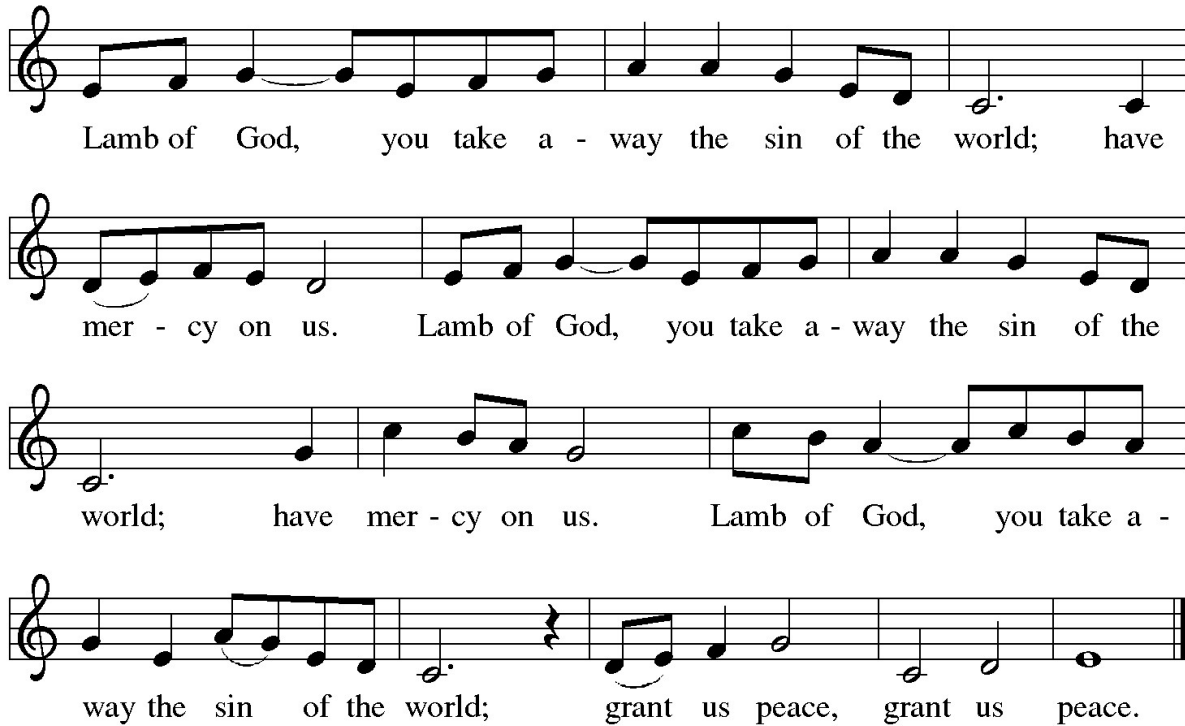
*All are invited to the Lord's table for communion, regardless of age or church membership. Come forward up the center aisle, taking an empty cup from the tray at the front. Follow the direction of the ushers and kneel or stand at the rail. The Bread Minister will hand you a piece of bread (gluten-free wafers are available, just ask the bread minister). There are two Wine Ministers. The first pouring chalice offers wine and the second chalice is grape juice.*

*If you choose not to receive communion, you may come forward for a blessing from the Bread Minister. Crossing your arms over your chest will indicate that you would prefer a blessing.*

*If you have difficulty coming to the front, please notify an usher and communion will gladly be brought to you.*

**\*LAMB OF GOD**

ELW p. 112



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

*Let Us Break Bread Together*  
Flora Newberry, trumpet

--Spiritual  
arr. Martin

**\*BLESSING FROM THE TABLE**

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

A: Nourishing God,  
C: **at this table you have refreshed us  
with holy gifts of food and drink.  
Strengthen us for service,  
and send us out to embody your good news  
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.  
In the name of Christ we pray,  
Amen.**

⊕ -----SENDING----- ⊕

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

P: The Spirit of the triune God ☩ bless you with joy  
Anoint you with compassion, And send you in love.  
C: **Amen**



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;  
 2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,  
 3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.  
 for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.  
 your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,  
 Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;  
 Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.  
 on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.  
 our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;  
 O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;  
 In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;



a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.  
 dye our tex - ture with your ra - dian - ce, light our col - ors with your sun.  
 your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

**\*DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Live in hope.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

***Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen***

**--Spiritual /arr. Martin**

Peace values music highly, so some may choose to remain in the sanctuary for the postlude.  
Others may choose to leave quietly at that time.  
All are welcome to gather in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and fellowship.

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**Worship Assistants - TODAY**

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| <i>Assisting Minister:</i> | Ryan Cull                                      |
| <i>Lector:</i>             | LaJune Smith                                   |
| <i>Greeter:</i>            | Karen & Gene Quandt                            |
| <i>Communion Server:</i>   | Susan Yarne                                    |
| <i>Ushers:</i>             | Glenn & Donna Kuehn                            |
| <i>Technology (3):</i>     | Bob Treulich, Sandy Johnson,<br>Clare Scheffer |
| <i>Altar Care:</i>         | Susan Yarne                                    |
| <i>Bulletins:</i>          | Deb Sarabia, Barb Patton                       |

**Ministers and Staff**

The Congregation Members of Peace Lutheran Church  
Rev. Hannah DiPasquale, Pastor  
Sandy Johnson, Office Administrator (office@peacelutheranlc.com)  
Jieun Newland, Music Minister  
Tommy Grimes, Custodian

## ANNOUNCEMENTS - February 16

If you have Prayer Requests to be included in the Prayers of the Day, please write them before the service on the Prayer Request sheet found on the stand in the narthex.

**The office will be closed tomorrow, February 17, for Presidents' Day.**

**Flowers in the sanctuary this Sunday were graciously donated by Dennis Morin & David Owens, in memory of Rita Morin.**

**There will be a CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY** after worship to vote to approve the purchase of solar panels for the church up to \$40,000. Please review the informational packets available for more information including cost breakdown. Plan to stick around and vote.

**Voting in chat on YouTube during the Congregational Meeting.** If you attend this meeting on YouTube, in order to vote you will need to enter your name and your vote, Yes or No (aye or nay) into the Chat.

**Our Mobile Food Pantry is this Thursday. Please join the group of hardy volunteers as we set up and distribute the food. We begin setting up at 7:00 and can use volunteers from that time (or later) until we finish -- usually around 9:30. We are warmed with the knowledge of the families we are feeding; with enough volunteers we can also take warm-up breaks inside.**



**Lutheran Advocacy Ministry of NM hosts the annual Issue Briefing and Bishop's Luncheon in Santa Fe this Thursday, February 20th.** The conference is open to anyone interested in learning more about advocating in the public arena on policy that positively impacts our many neighbors living in poverty and hunger, as well as the other key advocacy areas. We will also hear from our new synod bishop. To register, visit <https://www.lutheranadvocacynm.org/> or talk to Lynette Schurdevin for more information.

**CALL TO DEACON CONGREGATIONAL MEETING on March 2nd to call our Deacon.** This meeting will be for the purpose of extending a call to Anna Dykeman to serve as our part-time deacon. We will also vote on the deacon's compensation package. Before the meeting, there will be an opportunity to meet-and-greet with Deacon Anna. A big thank you to our Call Committee (Lynette Schurdevin, Kathie Rich, Mark Lusk, Clark Alves, and Carol Eggers) for their work on reviewing and interviewing our candidate.

**Have you noticed our new AED?** An AED, or Automated External Defibrillator, is a portable device that delivers an electric shock to the heart to treat sudden cardiac arrest. In the case of cardiac emergency, the AED can be used--by anyone--until EMTs arrive. It can be found in the white box on the wall in the narthex just outside the side doors to the sanctuary. Orient yourself with this life saving device that we hope we never have to use.

**The Inclusive Faith / New Evangelicals group** will meet next Sunday February 23 in Room 107. The door will open at 10:30 for sharing and support time, with the meeting beginning at 10:45.

**CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD:** Do you yearn for a deeper relationship with God? Are there things you'd like to say to Jesus but are not sure how? Take time from your busy life to cultivate a spiritual practice you can carry with you throughout the year. Peace will hold a pre-Lenten prayer retreat on **Saturday, March 1**, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. (the retreat begins at 9 a.m.). Please sign up in the narthex by February 23. Light morning snacks and lunch will be provided. \$10 donation suggested on the day of the retreat but not required. Practice the presence of God.

 **Green Team Tip**  Use the ceiling fan when the air conditioning is on. This can allow you to raise the thermostat 9 degrees while achieving the same target temperature while using 30% less energy.

**Organist John Dixon will present a recital of organ music at First Presbyterian Church, Las Cruces, TODAY, February 16, 2025, at 3 p.m.** The program includes music from a variety of genres, including a number of pieces based on folk songs from the British Isles and the United States. His program also includes several compositions based on traditional hymns that may be familiar to many, several pieces in traditional organ forms and styles, and concludes with a Patriotic Finale. All of the pieces performed during the program were composed by Mr. Dixon. Of special note is one of Dixon's newer compositions, *Four New Mexico Folk Songs*, which will be played in its World Premiere Performance as part of the program. The event is sponsored by the Las Cruces Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. It is free and open to the public

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** See the open slots on the podium in the narthex.  
 Anyone is welcome to sign up to help! If you need training, see the bulletin board as you enter the Fellowship Hall, or ask Pr. Hannah.

| <b><u>Worship Assistants - February 23</u></b> |  |
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| <i>Assisting Minister:</i>                     | Monica Hillmer                           |
| <i>Lector:</i>                                 | Deb Sweem                                |
| <i>Greeters:</i>                               | Ron & Lyn Bussian                        |
| <i>Communion Server:</i>                       | Susan Yarne                              |
| <i>Ushers:</i>                                 | _____, _____                             |
| <i>Technology:</i>                             | Lisa Bates, Betty Lindsey<br>Mary Luckie |
| <i>Altar Care:</i>                             | Susan Yarne                              |
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| <b><u>SCHEDULE - February 16-23</u></b> |  |                                   |
|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Sun., Feb. 16                           | 9:00 a.m.  | Sunday Worship                    |
|   | 10:00 a.m.                                       | Coffee Hour                       |
|   | 10:15 a.m.                                       | Congregational Meeting            |
| Mon., Feb. 17                           | OFFICE CLOSED - PRESIDENTS' DAY                  |                                   |
| Tues., Feb. 18-27                       | BSC Immersion Group - YAGM Mexico cohort Arrives |                                   |
| Wed., Feb. 19                           | 2:00 p.m.  | AARP                              |
|   | 5:00 p.m.  | Choir                             |
| Thurs., Feb. 20                         | 7:00 a.m.  | Mobile Food Pantry                |
|   | 11:30 a.m.                                       | Women In Motion Lunch             |
|   | 4:00 p.m.  | Bells                             |
|   | 4:00 p.m.  | Ana's Place Afterschool Program   |
| Fri., Feb. 21                           | 2:00 p.m.  | Paul Hutchins Memorial Service    |
|   | 4:00 p.m.  | Ana's Place Afterschool Program   |
|   | 5:00 p.m.  | Alzheimer's Leadership Roundtable |
| Sat., Feb. 22                           | 10:00 a.m.                                       | Bob Mitchell's Memorial Service   |
| Sun., Feb. 23                           | 9:00 a.m.  | Sunday Worship                    |
|   | 10:00 a.m.                                       | Coffee Hour                       |
|   | 10:30 a.m.                                       | Inclusive Faith/New Evangelicals  |
| +++++                                   |  |                                   |
| Alzheimer's Women's Support Group       | 1:00 p.m. - 1st & 3rd Thursdays                  |                                   |
| OA - Overeaters Anon:                   | 9:30 a.m. - Sa                                   |                                   |
| AA - Downtown Group:                    | 5:30 p.m. - Su, M, Tu, Th, F, Sa                 |                                   |
|   | 7:00 p.m. - W                                    |                                   |
|   | 8:00 p.m. - Sa                                   |                                   |
| AA - Primary Purpose:                   | 7:00 p.m. - F                                    |                                   |