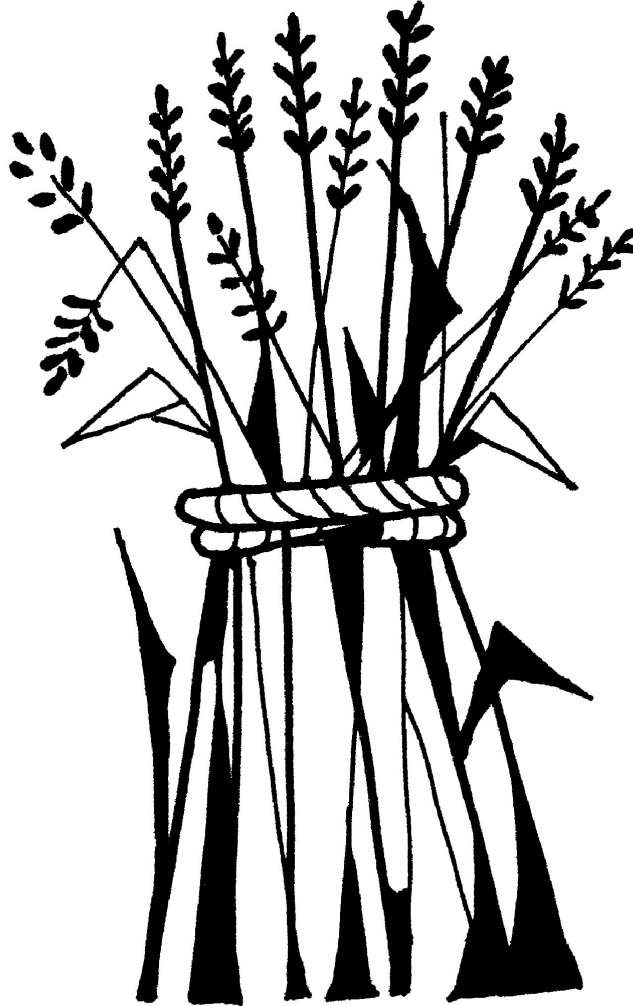


**Seventh Sunday After Epiphany
In-Person and Online Worship Bulletin
February 23, 2025**



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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

Praeludium and Fuga in E Minor

--Johann Pachelbel
(1653-1706)

⊕ ----- 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**

All Creatures, Worship God Most High!

ELW 835



1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and
 2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
 3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
 4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor
 grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,
 throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in
 grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:
 clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -
 care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:
 fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

***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: O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 45: 3-11, 15

³ Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'" ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

PSALM

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

read responsively

- ¹ Do not be provoked by evildoers;
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- ² **For they shall soon wither like the grass,
and like the green grass fade away.**
- ³ Put your trust in the LORD and do good;
dwell in the land and find safe pasture.
- ⁴ **Take delight in the LORD,
who shall give you your heart's desire.**
- ⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,
and see what God will do.
- ⁶ **The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**
- ⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.
Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- ⁸ **Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**
- ⁹ For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.
- ¹⁰ **In a little while the wicked shall be no more;
even if you search out their place, they will not be there.**
- ¹¹ But the lowly shall possess the land;
they will delight in abundance of peace.
- ³⁹ **But the deliverance of the righteous comes from you, O LORD;
you are their stronghold in time of trouble.**
- ⁴⁰ You, O LORD, will help them and rescue them;
you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in you they seek refuge.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

³⁵ But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶ Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

⁴² So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴ It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

⁵⁰ What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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: 27-38

[Jesus said:] ²⁷ "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Hannah DiPasquale

Silence for Reflection

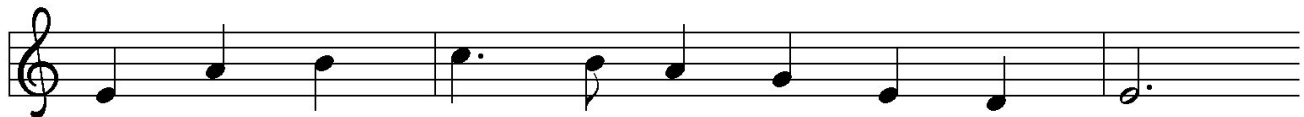
***HYMN OF THE DAY**

In All Our Grief

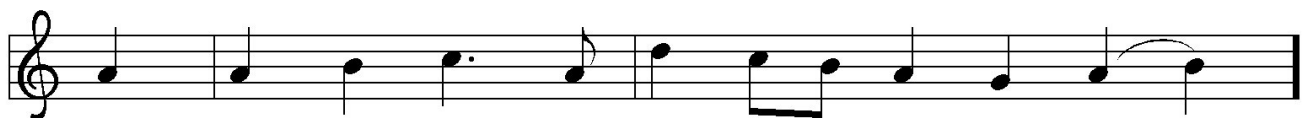
ELW 615



1 In all our grief and fear we turn to you.
2 Help us to put a - side the an - gry word,
3 You did not e - ven spare your on - ly Son.
4 God, when we suf - fer all that we can bear,



O God, you know all that we think or do,
the clench - ing fist, the wish and will to hurt.
He lived our griefs and bore all e - vil done,
then let us know that you in truth are near



you know the pain we put each oth - er through.
Teach us the way in which love best is served.
but through his cross, re - demp - tion has been won.
and will not leave us lost in all our fear.

Refrain



Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, grant us peace.

*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:

Virginia Lamb, Mark McMahan, John House, Bill King, Eugene Dirk

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

Lord I Want to be a Christian
Campanas de Paz

Trad. Spiritual
Arr. Judy Hunnicutt

***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**

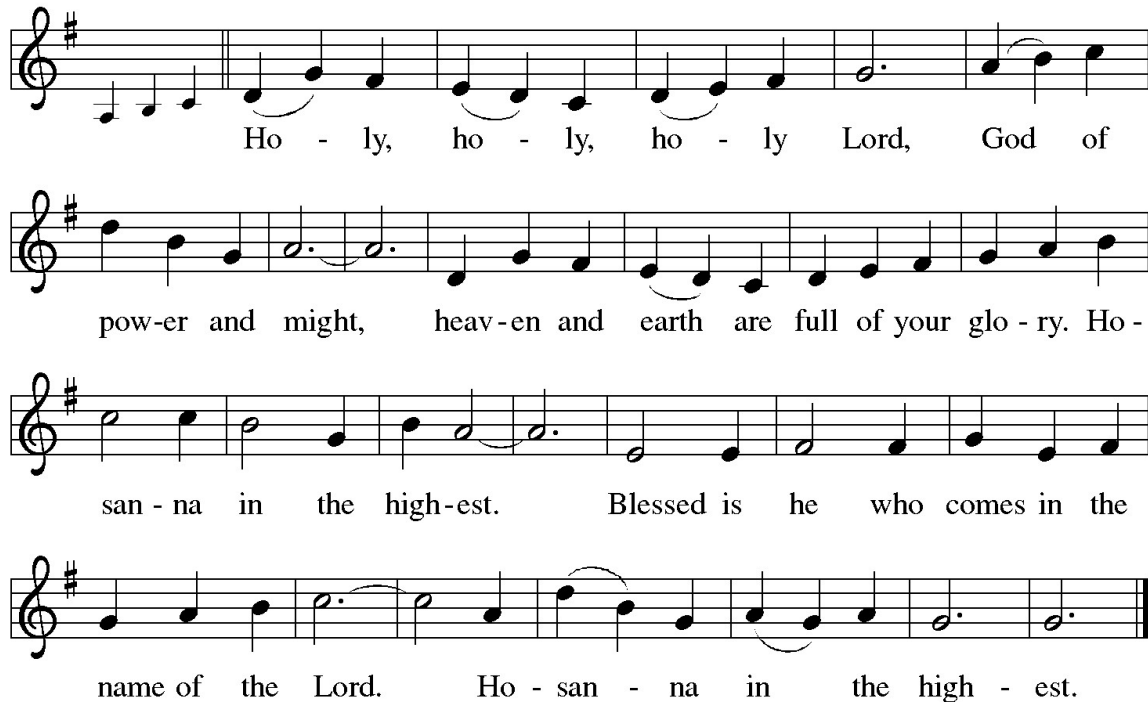
A: God of grace,
C: **your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.
Bless what we offer to your service:
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.
Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,
now and always.
Amen.**

***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

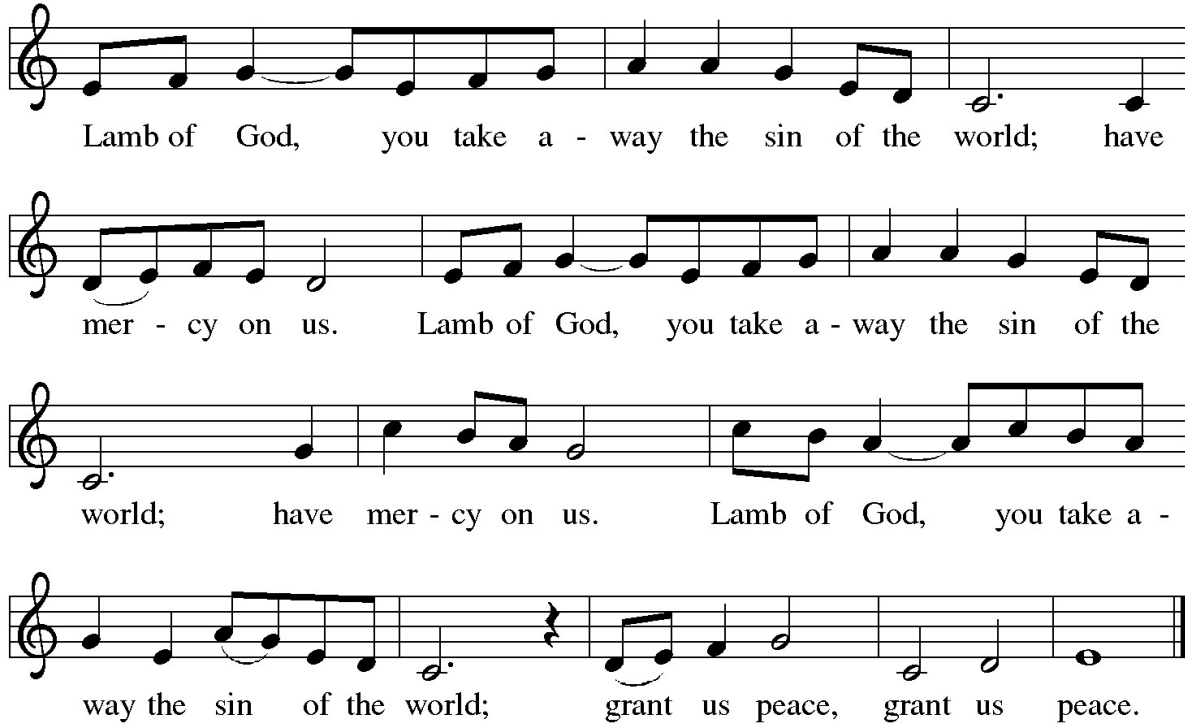
All are invited to the Lord's table for communion, regardless of age or church membership. Come forward up the center aisle, taking an empty cup from the tray at the front. Follow the direction of the ushers and kneel or stand at the rail. The Bread Minister will hand you a piece of bread (gluten-free 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

Chaconne in F Minor

--Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

***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 O day of peace that dim-ly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce devour the small;



guide us to jus - tice, truth, and love, de-liv-ered from our self - ish schemes.
as beasts and cat - tle calm-ly graze, a lit-tle child shall lead them all.



May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re - lease,
Then en - e - mies shall learn to love, all crea-tures find their true ac - cord;



till by God's grace our war-ring world shall see Christ's prom-ised reign of peace.
the hope of peace shall be ful-filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

*DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Toccatà in E Minor

--*Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)*

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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Communion Server: Susan Yarne
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Mary Luckie
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ANNOUNCEMENTS - February 23

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.



Flowers in the sanctuary this Sunday were graciously donated by Lisa Bates and Geri Ayers in memory of Lisa's grandmother, Pebble Bates.

PRAYER CHAIN UPDATE – The Peace Lutheran Prayer Chain is an active group of parishioners who take time to pray when a request has been made. Common requests made to the group have been regarding upcoming medical issues, surgeries, difficult life events, as well as celebrations and good news they want to share. Perhaps you are interested in sharing your gift of prayer by being a part of this chain as someone who prays for requests, Please leave your name and email or texting number on the list in the Narthex.

The Inclusive Faith / New Evangelicals group will meet **TODAY** 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: Please sign up in the narthex by **TODAY, February 23**. 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.). 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.

Deacon Meet & Greet and Congregational Meeting Sunday, March 2, following worship. Sheets with Deacon Anna's biography and the proposed compensation package are available.

 **Green Team Tip**  Only wash when you have full loads of laundry and dishes. Half empty loads of laundry waste water and energy. Dishwashers should be filled in order for them to be fuel efficient.

The Pastoral Care Committee invites members to provide contact information requested on the Family Contact Information Form enclosed in the February newsletter. Copies are available on the Kiosk as well.. A complete explanation and instructions are on the form.

This is the Meal Train for Melissa Motz as she recovers from hip replacement surgery:
<https://mealtrain.com/4392v2> What is Meal Train? There are times in our lives when friends and family ask, "What can I do to help out?" The answer is usually to help them with a meal. When many friends provide support through a meal, Meal Train keeps everyone organized. MealTrain.com is a free meal calendar tool that makes planning meals among a wide group easy and less stressful.

March 5th is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. That day Ashes-to-go will be offered on the NMSU campus during the day with our ecumenical partners. Ashes-to-go will also be available in the Peace parking lot from 4:00-5:30pm. An Ash Wednesday service with Ashes & Prayer will happen at 6:00pm in the Peace sanctuary. Please join us!

Midweek Lent Soup Suppers & Evening Prayer begin Wednesday, March 12th. Sign-ups for soup, bread, and set-up/clean-up will be available soon.

On Saturday, March 1st, Peace Lutheran Church hosts the Really, Really Free Market in the fellowship hall. The market is from 10am - 2pm. Free bike repairs all day. -Bring gently used items, services, or skills to share— and take whatever you need. Browse all kinds of stuff, from clothes and books to toys and household goods.

A FRANCISCAN JOURNEY THROUGH ITALY: Holy Cross Retreat Center is planning an 11-day pilgrimage led by Fr. Tom Smith on November 3 through 13, 2025. Explore the breathtaking cities of Florence (3 nights), Assisi (2 nights), and Rome (4 nights) while deepening your faith and immersing yourself in Italy's rich history and culture. See Lyn Bussian (575-494-4170) or call Fr. Tom directly (575-524-3688) for more information.

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.

<u>Worship Assistants - March 2</u>	
<i>Assisting Minister:</i>	Jeanne Brown
<i>Lector:</i>	Ron Odegaard
<i>Greeter:</i>	_____, _____
<i>Communion Server:</i>	Ron Odegaard
<i>Ushers:</i>	_____, _____
<i>Technology (3):</i>	Bob Treulich, Karen Harvey, Clare Scheffer
<i>Altar Care:</i>	Cindy Peterson
<i>Bulletins:</i>	Deb Sarabia, Barb Patton

<u>SCHEDULE - February 23-March 2</u>		
Tues., Feb. 18-27	BSC Immersion Group - YAGM Mexico cohort	
Sun., Feb. 23	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	10:30 a.m.	Inclusive Faith/New Evangelicals
Wed., Feb. 26	3:45 p.m.	Green Team
	5:00 p.m.	Choir
Thurs.. Feb. 27	4:00 p.m.	Bells
	4:00 p.m.	Ana's Place Afterschool Program
Fri.. Feb. 28	4:00 p.m.	Ana's Place Afterschool Program
Sat., Mar. 1	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Retreat
	10:00 a.m.	Really Really Free Market
Sun., Mar.2	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	10:15 a.m.	Deacon Meet & Greet and Congregational Meeting
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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	