

**Second Sunday of Lent
In-Person and Online Worship Bulletin
March 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 *Oboe Sonata in A Minor, I. Siciliana* --Georg Philipp Telemann (1681 - 1767)
Angie Montalvo, oboe

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

SECOND WEEK OF LENT - THE NEED FOR SLEEP

By following the story of Jesus and his friends' overactive ministry, we'll see how loss of sleep and sleep deprivation affect Jesus' tiny team. We'll find ways to honor God's call to rest: in sleep, in peaceful moments, and in honoring God's sabbath commandment.

***CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

P: Our forty-day journey through Lent recalls Jesus' temptation in the wilderness. Three times, the devil coaxed Jesus to rely on himself instead of on God. Three times, Jesus resisted, trusting God to give him all he needed.

Friends, we are not Jesus. We don't recognize relying on ourselves instead of God as a temptation; we even extol self-reliance as a virtue. Join me in confessing this to God, and asking for compassion.

Silence for reflection.

P: God, I confess
C: **that I struggle to confess.**
I want to delight you by doing all the right things.
I don't want to admit that I can't.
To receive your forgiveness,
I must confront my failure.

P: God, I confess
C: **that I struggle to confess:**
I'm afraid of being a burden to others.
I don't want to need them too much,
so I try not to need them at all.

P: God, I confess
C: **that I struggle to confess:**
just like I turn away from my own vulnerability
I turn away from the vulnerable.
I have rejected my weakness
and avoided those who are weak.
I have denied my frailty
and looked down on those who are frail.
I have resisted my dependence
and thought less of those who depend on others.

P: God, forgive us,
C: **because we struggle to forgive ourselves.**
We build a wall of self-reliance
that separates us from your love.

P: Jesus once said,
"Those who are well have no need of a physician."
Jesus didn't come for those who didn't need him:
he came for me and for you and for everyone who has fallen short.
Jesus' power is made perfect in our weakness.
In Christ's name, you are completely and entirely forgiven.
You are imperfect,
and you are forgiven,
and you are entirely loved.
C: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**



1 The God of A - br'ham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove;
 2 The God of A - br'ham praise! At your su - preme com - mand
 3 The God of A - br'ham praise! Your all - suf - fi - cient grace
 4 Your prom-ise you have sworn; I on your oath de - pend.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love—
 from earth I rise and seek the joys at your right hand.
 shall guide me all my pil - grim days in all my ways.
 I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, to heav'n as - cend.



"I Am the One I Am"—by earth and heav'n con - fessed;
 I all on earth for - sake—its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r—
 You deign to call me friend; you call your - self my God!
 I shall be - hold your face; I shall your pow'r a - dore,



I bow and bless the sa - cred name for - ev - er blest.
 and you my on - ly por - tion make, my shield and tow'r.
 And you will save me to the end through Je - sus' blood.
 and sing the won - ders of your grace for - ev - er - more.

*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.**

*KYRIE

ELW 156

Leader	Assembly
Lord, have mer - cy.	Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy.	Christ, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy.	Lord, have mer - cy.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- A: Incandescent Christ, signs of your presence fill the world with brightness, but we are weighed down with sleep. Guide our waking and guard our sleeping, so that we may rest soundly in dreams of the world you envision, and wake to refract your glory in all that we do.
- C: **Amen.**



FIRST READING

Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18

¹ After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴ But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷ Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸ But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹ He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰ He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

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

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

¹⁷ Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1} Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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

FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

P: The Gospel according to Luke, the ninth chapter
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*GOSPEL

Luke 9: 28-36

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" — not knowing what he said. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen listen to him!" ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

Deacon Anna Dykeman

Silence for Reflection

*HYMN OF THE DAY

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

ELW 611



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

***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 in your mercy,
C: receive our prayer.

Saints of Peace:

Louise Roberts, Paul Benting, Michael Priestly, Evie Angell

P: Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

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.

ANTHEM

The Heavenly Music
Angie Montalvo, oboe

--James Biery

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: O God,
C: **you gave us what we needed to love you today.**
Now we offer you a portion of these gifts,
a harvest of the love you planted.
We have supplied the gifts, and you have supplied the purpose.
Now bless our gifts and use them in your service. Amen.

*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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!**

P: It is not only right...And so we join the echoing song:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW Setting 7, p. 181



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on
earth. . . . Blest is he who comes in the
name . . . of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na here on earth. . . .
Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: On the night of his arrest,
he gathered his friends for a simple meal
and set a feast of love.
He took bread, gave thanks,
broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
saying: Take and eat;
this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,
he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink,
saying: 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: Extravagant God, pour out your Spirit on us
and on this bread and cup.
Let the fragrance of your love fill this house.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Let it fill our noses with the sweetness of grapes
and the earthiness of wheat.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Let it fill our hearts as lavish compassion
for the little, the lost, and the least.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Let this bread and cup magnify your prodigal love,
mirroring the heavenly feast that has no end.
Bring us at last to the infinite table
where you have gathered all your holy ones
in the new creation where every tear is wiped away,
and every need has been met in you.

All honor and glory is yours, O God,
who is both Giver and Gift,
with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy church,
now and forever.

C: Amen.

*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**

**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.**

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.

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. 182

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.

Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.

Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Oboe Sonata in A Minor, III. Andante

--Georg Philipp Telemann (1681 - 1767)

Angie Montalvo, oboe

*BLESSING FROM THE TABLE

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

A: O Jesus,

C: **you have fed us**

**with the bread that has no price,
the precious gift of your own self.**

**Now send us out like Mary with her perfume,
prepared to give the best we have
to dignify the world you so loved.
Amen.**

⊕ -----SENDING----- ⊕

*THE BENEDICTION

P: Now may God,
who gifted us the Sabbath
who slept during the storm at sea,
who guards our sleep and shepherds our rest,
bless you and sustain you.
Today God has answered your need,
and now the Spirit sends you out
to answer the world's need.

In the name of God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit,

C: **Amen**



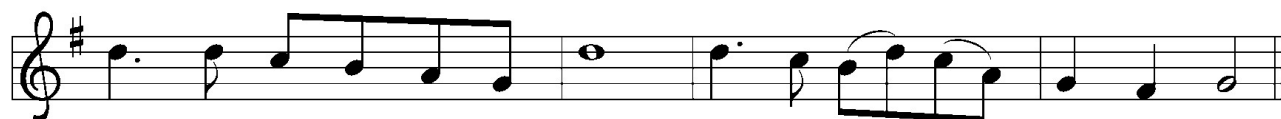
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

*DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share your bread.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude is Omitted during Lent

All are welcome to gather in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation

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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.

Worship Assistants - TODAY

Assisting Minister: Monica Hillmer
Lector: Geri Ayers
Greeter: Ron & Lyn Bussian
Communion Server: Lennae Bentley
Ushers: _____, _____

Technology (3): Betty Lindsey, Karen Harvey,
Clare Scheffer

Altar Care: Hilikka Byrd
Bulletins: Deb Sarabia, Barb Patton

Worship Assistants - March 23

Assisting Minister: Lynette Schurdevin
Lector: _____
Greeters: _____
Communion Server: _____
Ushers: _____, _____

Technology: Sandy Johnson, Mary Luckie,
Clare Scheffer

Altar Care: Hilikka Byrd
Bulletins: Barb Patton, Deb Sarabia

SCHEDULE - March 16-23

Sun., Mar. 16 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
 10:45 a.m. Inclusive Evangelical Group
Sun. Mar. 16 - 22 BSC Immersion Group-Northern Wyoming Comm. College
Tues., Mar. 18 10:30 a.m. Lenten Bible Study
Wed., Mar. 19 2:00 p.m. AARP
 6:00 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper
 7:00 p.m. Lent Evening Prayer
Thurs., Mar. 20 7:00 a.m. Mobile Food Pantry
 11:30 a.m. Women in Motion
 4:00 p.m. Bells
Sun., Mar. 23 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

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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

Ministers and Staff

The Congregation Members of Peace Lutheran Church
Rev. Hannah DiPasquale, Pastor
Deacon Anna Dykeman, Minister of Word and Service
Sandy Johnson, Office Administrator (office@peacelutheranlc.com)
Jieun Newland, Music Minister
Tommy Grimes & Phil Lingle, Custodians

ANNOUNCEMENTS - March 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.

There are now only 2 coats hanging on the rack just outside the sanctuary: 1 red jacket and 1 long black wool coat. Please claim them if they're yours!

Weekly Lenten Study from ELCA *Sumud*: "For Justice in Palestine & Israel." Join Pastor Hannah on Tuesdays in Lent for a special time of study and prayer. *Sumud* is the ELCA's ministry in response to occupation and injustice in Palestine and Israel. The *Sumud* leadership has released a Lenten resource for group study, featuring videos from the Holy Land and devotions from Palestinian theologians. Each week we will watch a video together, read a devotion, have discussion and pray together. No prep is needed; come as you are. Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 AM in Room 107.

Midweek Lent Soup Suppers & Evening Prayer, Wednesdays in Lent. Sign-up sheets for soup, bread, & set-up/clean-up are in the Narthex. **ANYONE, whether they're in a group or not, can sign up to bring Soup** or help in other ways. The Groups are designated so set up and clean up are organized.



LENTEN EVENING PRAYER ON WEDNESDAYS - After soup each Wednesday, we will gather at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary for a simple service called *A Refuge for the Heart: Midweek Worship with Healing Prayer*. During this worship, prayer stations will be offered, inviting participants to pray in a certain way: with a prayer minister, writing down prayers, lighting a candle, using other objects/icons/images/water, etc. Each week will follow the same rhythm but be a little different. Come for some stillness, song, and healing during this season.

PEACE's MOBILE FOOD PANTRY. PLEASE join us again - or for the first time - this Thursday, March 20th at 7 or 7:30 - 9:30 am at Peace Lutheran Church's parking lot. Please park at Calvary Baptist Church (Missouri & Locust), or the back smaller lot at Peace. Bring a water bottle, hat and use sunscreen. Please bring your flexible and generous spirit as we help our neighbors with food insecurity.

Bread for the World's weekly Lenten devotion will lead us towards our letter writing campaign after Easter. This week's devotion titled "Come to the Table of Transformation" asks us to Practice Patience in the Face of Mystery (Luke 9:28-43). Our practice this week is to sit patiently in the mystery of the unknown and wait to hear Jesus. Find the full devotion at <https://www.bread.org/article/come-to-the-table-lenten-devotional/>

Attention Thrivent members who may have available "thrivent choice" from 2024!

March 31st is the deadline to designate 2024 thrivent choice dollars to a church or charity of your choosing. You can designate by contacting Susan Hernandez locally at 915-565-1010, online at thrivent.com (generosity tab, thrivent choice), or by phone during business hours at 1-800-847-4836 (say "thrivent choice" to get to a person to help you).

 **Green Team Tip**  Rather than presenting a gift of cut flowers, give a potted plant instead. Loved one will enjoy it much longer--may even transfer it to the garden.

Join the Conversation: Addressing New Mexico's Healthcare Shortage -- Today, Sunday, March 16, at 2 PM - Temple Beth-El.

Struggling to find a primary care doctor? Facing long waits when you need care right now? Have you been forced to travel out of town—even out of state—because there is no local specialist?

Join us for an important conversation with local doctors, who are working to address the crisis and increase access to care for all New Mexicans. The panel, moderated by Dr. Arthur Berkson, President of the Doña Ana Medical Society, will share their experiences, discuss barriers to recruiting physicians and possible solutions for improving access to healthcare. And we hope you will stay after the presentation for coffee, cookies and informal conversation with the physicians.

Thank you to the congregation for approving the Solar Initiative! We are **95.85%** toward our goal with **\$21,825** pledged for solar panels. If you haven't yet made a pledge to support environmental stewardship, you can fill out a pledge card and put it in the box in the narthex or the offering plate.